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Accepted Masons of Scotland

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## S A N C T I O N.

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GRAND LODGE having in Special Communication assembled, on the 14th day of April 1904, authorised GRAND SECRETARY to prepare and publish an edition of the Constitution and Laws, embracing the additions and alterations confirmed by Grand Lodge at dates subsequent to the issue of the edition of 1896.

Therefore WE, CHARLES MAULE RAMSAY, Grand Master Mason of Scotland; JAMES HOZIER, M.P., Past Grand Master; J. D. G. DALRYMPLE of Woodhead, Grand Master Depute; ROBERT KING STEWART of Murdostoun, Substitute Grand Master; W. A. DINWIDDIE, Senior Grand Warden; C. B. BALFOUR of Newton Don, M.P., Junior Grand Warden; and remanent Office-Bearers, and Members of Grand Lodge, do hereby promulgate the same as authority to all Free and Accepted Masons, and Lodges holding of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland;—And we enjoin all Members of Grand Lodge, as well as subordinate Lodges, and the Brethren at large,

immediately to provide themselves with copies of this Revised Edition of the Constitution and Laws, and give due obedience thereto in all points.

Given at Freemasons' Hall, in the City of Edinburgh, this fourth day of August, in the year of our Lord 1904, and of Light 5908.

CHARLES MAULE RAMSAY,  
*Grand Master.*

JAMES HOZIER,  
*Past Grand Master.*

J. D. G. DALRYMPLE,  
*Grand Master Depute.*

ROBERT KING STEWART,  
*Substitute Grand Master.*

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C. B. BALFOUR,  
*Junior Grand Warden.*

DAVID REID, *Grand Secretary.*

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## N O T E.

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By appointment of GRAND LODGE, Past Masters WILLIAM OFFICER, S.S.C., and GEORGE DICKSON, M.D., F.R.C.S.E., assisted Grand Secretary in superintending the publication of this Edition of the Constitution and Laws.

*David Reid  
Grand Secretary*

FREEMASONS' HALL,  
EDINBURGH, 29th August 1904.

## B U S I N E S S   I N T I M A T I O N.

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As it is impossible satisfactorily to conduct the business of Grand Lodge with a divided Correspondence, Members of Grand Lodge, Office-Bearers of Subordinate Lodges, and the Brethren generally, are respectfully reminded that, in terms of Rule 14 of the Constitution and Laws of Grand Lodge, ALL letters and communications must be addressed to the GRAND SECRETARY, remittances being made payable, free of charge, to the GRAND TREASURER.

THE  
CONSTITUTION AND LAWS.

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GRAND LODGE.

1. THE GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE Constitution of  
Grand Lodge ACCEPTED MASONS OF SCOTLAND is composed of the Grand Master Mason, all Past Grand Masters, Grand Master Depute, Substitute Grand Master, Provincial and District Grand Masters, Past Provincial and District Grand Masters, Proxy Colonial and Foreign District Grand Masters (in the absence of such Foreign and Colonial District Grand Masters), Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and the Master and Wardens, or in their absence the Proxy Master and Proxy Wardens, of each Daughter Lodge.

2. The Members and Office-Bearers must Qualification for  
be Master Masons, whose names have been membership and  
for office recorded in the Books of Grand Lodge, and who are subscribing members of a Lodge holding under the Scottish Constitution.

**Grand Office-Bearers.**

**3. The Office - Bearers of Grand Lodge are :—**

The Grand Master Mason,  
 Past Grand Master,  
 Grand Master Depute,  
 Substitute Grand Master,  
 Senior Grand Warden,  
 Junior Grand Warden,  
 Grand Secretary,  
 Grand Treasurer,  
 Senior Grand Chaplain,  
 Junior Grand Chaplain,  
 Senior Grand Deacon,  
 Junior Grand Deacon,  
 Grand Architect,  
 Grand Jeweller,  
 Grand Bible-Bearer,  
 Grand Director of Ceremonies,  
 Grand Bard,  
 Grand Sword-Bearer,  
 Grand Director of Music,  
 Grand Organist,  
 Grand Marshal,  
 Grand Inner Guard,  
 Grand Tyler.

**Style and title.**

**Grand Master:**

**4. The style and title of MOST WORSHIPFUL and GRAND MASTER belong only to the Grand Master Mason.**

**Style and titles, other Grand Office-Bearers.**

**5. The prefix of "Right Worshipful" is accorded to the Past Grand Master, Grand**

Master Depute, Substitute Grand Master, the Grand Wardens, Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer. The prefix of "Very Worshipful" is given to the Grand Chaplains, Grand Deacons, Grand Architect, Grand Jeweller, and Grand Bible-Bearer; "Worshipful" to the Grand Director of Ceremonies, Grand Bard, Grand Sword-Bearer, Grand Director of Music, Grand Organist, Grand Marshal, and Grand Inner Guard.

**6. The Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden, Senior Grand Chaplain, Junior Grand Chaplain, Senior Grand Deacon, Junior Grand Deacon, Grand Architect, Grand Jeweller, Grand Bible-Bearer, Grand Director of Ceremonies, Grand Bard, Grand Sword-Bearer, Grand Director of Music, Grand Marshal, Grand Inner Guard, and Grand Tyler, shall be annually elected.**

The Grand Master Depute and the Substitute Grand Master shall be appointed annually by the Grand Master on the day of his installation. The Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer shall not be subject to annual election, but their appointment shall be held terminable on St Andrew's Day annually, on three months' prior notice being given by resolution of Grand Lodge to terminate their engagement at such period.

Elected  
annually.

Exceptions to  
the Rule.

Nomination and election.

7. At the Quarterly Communication immediately preceding St Andrew's Day, the Grand Office-Bearers for the ensuing year shall be nominated and elected.

Date of installation.

8. The brethren so elected as Grand Office-Bearers shall be installed on St Andrew's Day, but no vote or debate can then take place. In the event of St Andrew's Day happening on a Saturday or a Sunday, the installation shall take place on the Friday preceding.

Disqualification for nomination and election.

9. It shall not be competent to put any brother in nomination for an office in Grand Lodge unless his consent has been previously obtained and vouched for by a member of Grand Lodge. No brother in arrear of his Contributions to Grand Lodge or the Fund of Benevolence, or whose Lodge is any way in arrear, shall be eligible to be elected an Office-Bearer of Grand Lodge, or to vote therein.

Vote, how taken.

10. When more candidates than one have been proposed for any office the vote shall be by show of hands, and repeated, if necessary, until the brother to be elected shall have an absolute majority of those voting.

11. No elective Grand Office-Bearer (the <sup>Tenure of office.</sup> Grand Master and paid officers excepted) shall hold the same office longer than two years consecutively.

12. On the death, resignation, or disqualification of any of the Grand Office-Bearers, Grand Lodge at the first Quarterly Communication following, or at a *pro re nata* meeting, shall, if deemed necessary, elect a brother to fill the vacancy. <sup>Vacancies, how filled.</sup>

13. The Grand Master Mason shall be *ex officio* a Member of every Lodge holding of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, but as such shall not be liable in payment of any contributions authorised to be levied by such Lodges. <sup>The Grand Master a member of every Lodge.</sup>

14. The Grand Secretary shall have the charge and superintendence of the whole affairs of Grand Lodge, and shall have full control and management of all paid officials of Grand Lodge. All communications shall be addressed to him, and all letters shall be regularly filed. He shall enter in a book all sums contained in letters received by him, with the dates and names of the parties or Lodges from whom they are received, and shall immediately hand all such sums to the Grand Treasurer, who shall check them with the <sup>Grand Secretary.</sup> <sup>To have superintendence of Grand Lodge affairs.</sup>

Conducts all correspondence.

entries in the Remittance Book. The Grand Secretary shall correspond with Sister Grand Lodges, and Provincial and District Grand Lodges, as well as with the Daughter Lodges and individual brethren upon all business relative to Grand Lodge or Freemasonry in general, and insert such Correspondence in a Letter Book, to be kept solely for that purpose.

Custodier of the seal, records, etc

15. The Grand Secretary shall be Custodier of the Records, Deeds, the Seal, and other moveable property of Grand Lodge. He shall prepare the Minutes, keep the Roll of Members, enrol the names of Intrants, keep Registers of Installed Masters, and Mark Masters, prepare and despatch all Charters, Commissions, Diplomas, etc., issued by Grand Lodge, and furnish to each Lodge, Provincial and District Grand Secretary, and Member of Grand Lodge, quarterly, a printed copy of Minutes of Grand Lodge, Grand Committee, Committee of the Fund of Benevolence, the Annuity Board, and Sub-Committees, with a Statement of the sums which have been received on behalf of Grand Lodge during the preceding three months. He shall also issue annually an Abstract of Grand Lodge Accounts, certified by the Auditor. Copies of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge shall also be sent by Grand Secretary to the Grand Secretaries

To publish minutes and abstract of accounts.

of Sister Grand Lodges who have a recognised representative in the Grand Lodge of Scotland; and to any Freemason who wishes to have them and pays, in advance, two shillings and sixpence annually.

16. The Grand Secretary shall summon <sup>Secretary to all Committees</sup> the Office-Bearers and Members of Grand Lodge to its Communications, and shall call all meetings of Grand Committee by circular, containing a statement of the business to be brought before such meetings so far as can be ascertained by him, and shall be *ex officio* Secretary to all Committees, and shall call meetings thereof.

17. The Grand Secretary shall be allowed <sup>Salary.</sup> a fixed salary, and shall devote his whole time to the duties of his office: any assistance he may require, and authorised by Grand Committee, shall be paid for by Grand Lodge. In absence, his duties shall be attended to by <sup>Absence.</sup> the Grand Treasurer, and *vice versa.*

18. The Grand Treasurer shall keep regular <sup>Grand Treasurer.</sup> and correct Accounts, according to forms approved by Grand Committee, of all moneys <sup>Shall keep correct accounts.</sup> received and disbursed by him, and the Accounts of each Lodge shall be entered in

Remittances—  
how made  
payable.

a Ledger. Remittances shall be made payable to him, and he shall receive from the Grand Secretary daily all remittances or sums which come into his hands, and shall check the entries of same in the Remittance Book. He shall,

Receipts.

through the Grand Secretary, transmit, without delay, to the parties or Lodges sending remittances, the proper receipts or vouchers for the same. No Accounts shall be paid by him except such as have been previously authorised by the Finance Committee, and then only upon

Payments.

cheques signed by its Chairman, and countersigned by the Grand Treasurer. He shall at the end of each financial year (last Thursday in November) prepare a complete Abstract of the Accounts in the form approved by Grand Lodge, to be submitted within ten days there-

Abstract of  
Accounts.

after, along with the books and vouchers, to the Auditor appointed to audit the same. He shall also keep the Stock-Books, and balance the same annually. These books to embrace Diplomas, Charters, Demits, Constitution and Laws, and such like property. He shall, in a

Audit.

separate book, keep the Roll of Rents of Shops, Hall, and Lodge-Rooms, and the casual lettings of the Hall, Board-Room, and other parts of Grand Lodge premises. He shall observe the ordinary office hours, and absence can only be allowed by previous arrangement with Grand Secretary

Other duties.

Absence.

19. The Grand Treasurer shall receive and pay all moneys connected with the Fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence, and the Annuity Fund, and keep the Accounts thereof. He shall at no time retain in his hands more than twenty pounds of the funds of Grand Lodge. Any sum in excess thereof shall be paid into the Bank to account of Grand Lodge.

Accounts of the  
Benevolent and  
Annuity Funds.

Deposit of  
moneys.

20. The Grand Treasurer shall be allowed Salary, a fixed salary, shall devote his whole time to the duties of his office, and shall find security for his intromissions to the extent of five hundred pounds, the premium on the guarantee policy being paid by Grand Lodge.

21. Travelling expenses to and from meetings presided over by Grand Lodge or the Grand Master shall be allowed to Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer when Grand Lodge or Grand Committee shall sanction or require the attendance of both or either of them.

Travelling  
expenses.

22. The Grand Chaplains shall attend the Quarterly and other Communications of Grand Lodge, and there offer up solemn prayer suitable to the occasion, according to ancient usage among the Fraternity.

Grand  
Chaplains.

Grand Director  
of Ceremonies.

23. The Grand Director of Ceremonies shall take the sole charge of arranging the Grand Office-Bearers and Members, and superintend the details of all ceremonies of Grand Lodge *within* any building where it may happen to meet.

Grand Marshal.

24. The Grand Marshal shall form and superintend processions of Grand Lodge and such Daughter Lodges, etc., as may accompany it at all ceremonies, *outside* of any building where Grand Lodge may happen to be for the time.

Grand Tyler.

25. The Grand Tyler shall attend all meetings, assist in the arrangements, and see that only those properly qualified obtain admission. He shall be paid such salary as shall from time to time be fixed by Grand Lodge.

Board of Grand  
Stewards.

26. Grand Lodge shall annually, at the Quarterly Communication in November, appoint not more than fifty brethren, members of Grand Lodge, to act as a Board of Grand Stewards, to which, under the direction of Grand Lodge, the management of the Feast of St Andrew, and other Festivals, shall be entrusted. The brethren so nominated shall each pay the sums specified in the Schedule of Fees and Contributions. The

Appointment  
and duties.

Grand Stewards shall attend at all Processions of the Grand Lodge, in their proper clothing, and with their rods of office. No brother in arrear of his contribution to the Fund of Benevolence and his other dues, Disqualification or whose Lodge is in any way in arrear, shall be eligible to be elected a Grand Steward.

27. The Board of Grand Stewards, within seven days of its appointment, shall annually elect its President and Vice-President, and Grand Secretary shall report the same to Grand Committee.

Election of  
President and  
Vice President.

28. The Grand Lodge shall for the despatch of business hold four Quarterly Communications annually — viz., on the first Thursdays of February, May, August, and November, at Three o'clock afternoon, or at such hour as Grand Lodge may hereafter appoint. Twenty-one members shall form Quorum a quorum; and, when necessary, these meetings may be adjourned to a future day or days. All business shall be transacted in the Third Degree. The Grand Lodge shall also hold a Grand Communication on St Andrew's Day in every year for the installation of Grand Office-Bearers and the celebration of the Festival of St Andrew.

Quarterly Com-  
munications  
Hour of  
meeting.  
Annual Com-  
munication and  
Festival of St  
Andrew

Special Com-  
munications.

29. The Grand Master, or in his absence the Grand Master Depute, or the Substitute Grand Master, may at any time call a meeting of Grand Lodge; and, upon an order from the Grand Committee, or a requisition signed by twenty-one duly qualified members of Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary shall be bound immediately to call a meeting, to be held within ten days from the date of presenting the requisition. Such order or requisition shall distinctly state for what purpose the meeting is called, and no other business shall be discussed thereat.

Mode of  
admission to  
Commu-ni-  
cations.

30. Only members of Grand Lodge shall be admitted to the body of the Hall; and Grand Secretary shall issue tickets of admission to all members of Grand Lodge, annually, on payment of their fees. Such tickets shall be presented before admission to the Hall; and shall not be transferable under pain of forfeiture.

Disqualified  
members to  
return tickets.

31. Members of Grand Lodge on resigning or otherwise becoming disqualified, during the year for which their fees have been paid, shall return to Grand Secretary their tickets of admission.

Throne by  
whom filled in  
absence.

32. In the absence of the Grand Master the Throne shall be filled in the following order:—

By the Immediate or any other Past Grand Master; Grand Master Depute; Substitute Grand Master; Past Grand Master Depute; Past Substitute Grand Master; Provincial or District Grand Masters; Senior Grand Warden; Junior Grand Warden; Senior Grand Deacon; Junior Grand Deacon; the Master of Proxy Master present, according to the seniority of their respective Lodges on the Roll of Grand Lodge.

33. In the absence of the Grand Wardens ~~Warden's chairs~~ <sup>—by whom filled in absence.</sup> their chairs shall be filled by Past Grand Wardens, Grand Deacons, the Master or Proxy Master present, according to the seniority of their respective Lodges on the Roll of Grand Lodge.

34. Confirmation of Minutes of Grand Lodge implies that the *res gestae* of a previous meeting have been correctly recorded, and not that the question discussed and disposed of at such former meeting can be opened up at the succeeding one when the minutes are read.

35. Notices of motion duly seconded must be given personally and in writing, at meetings of Grand Lodge and its Committees; and shall be audibly read by the brother giving notice,

and also by Grand Secretary, before the close of the meeting at which notice is given.

Motions may be put in absence of mover.

36. A brother giving notice of a motion should be present to bring it forward at the Quarterly Communication after it has been intimated. If, however, the proposer be absent it shall be in the power of the seconder to take up the motion on its coming before Grand Lodge. Should the seconder be absent, it shall be competent for any member to second the motion.

Copies to be circulated in the provinces.

37. Copies of notices of motions given in Grand Lodge shall be sent at once to the Secretary of each Provincial Grand Lodge, and to the Secretary of each Daughter Lodge, with instructions to bring same before the brethren. In all cases it is the prerogative of Grand Lodge and Grand Committee to decide as to what notice of motion shall be received and circulated.

Postponement of motions.

38. No motion put on Grand Lodge or Grand Committee Agenda can be postponed without cause shown.

Alteration of Laws and disposal of property or funds.

39. No motion for altering or abrogating an existing law, or for enacting a new one, or for disposing of any part of the property

or funds of Grand Lodge, shall be made except at a Quarterly Communication; and such motion must lie on the table for three months previous to discussion.

**40.** Laws enacted at Quarterly Communications of Grand Lodge shall not be cancelled or altered within a shorter period than twelve months thereafter.

Period within  
which Laws  
may not be  
altered.

**41.** Grand Lodge may on cause shown suspend its Standing Orders by a majority of two-thirds of the members voting.

Standing  
Orders may be  
suspended.

**42.** When a motion shall have been regularly made and seconded, it shall not be competent for the Grand Master, or other Brother officiating in the Chair, to refuse to put the same to the vote; and if any doubt shall arise as to the interpretation of a law, the power of deciding the same shall be vested not in the Chair, but in the Meeting.

Interpretation  
of Laws.

Vested in the  
meeting.

**43.** After a question has been fully and regularly discussed, the majority of the members voting shall determine the point at issue. In case of an equality of votes, the Grand Master, or Brother in the Chair, shall have a casting vote as well as a deliberative vote.

Casting vote.

**Who may speak and vote.** 44. All duly qualified members of Grand Lodge have a right to speak and vote upon every question. No member shall be entitled to speak more than once on any question, except strictly in explanation, and only the proposer of a motion shall have the right of reply.

**No member shall speak twice.** 45. No Visiting Brother shall be admitted to any meeting until he has been examined by the President or Vice-President of Grand Stewards, or by three of the Grand Stewards, appointed by them for that purpose.

**Visitors, how admitted.** 46. No brother shall be permitted to leave Grand Lodge until the same has been closed, without permission asked and obtained from the Grand Master, or the Brother in the Chair.

**Taking a vote.** 47. Immediately before proceeding to take a vote, the door shall be locked, and the key laid upon Grand Secretary's table.

**Permission to leave Grand Lodge.** 48. When the Grand Master, any Past Grand Master, Grand Master Depute, Substitute Grand Master, or Grand Wardens, with other Grand Office-Bearers, shall visit any Subordinate Lodge, the Master, Wardens, and other Office-Bearers of that Lodge shall

resign their respective Chairs to the corresponding Office-Bearers of Grand Lodge;—the Grand Master, or Office-Bearer, heading the Visitation, shall take the place of the Master, and the Master of the Lodge shall sit at the Grand Master's right hand.

49. Previous to the Visitation taking place, Notice to  
Grand Secretary shall send notice thereof  
to the Master of the Lodge to be visited, and  
to the Masters of all the Lodges in the Province  
or District, requesting their attendance along  
with their brethren.

50. When Visitations are purely of a busi- Visitations for  
ness character, and made for the purpose of  
inquiring into the mode of conducting the  
Lodge, examining the books, etc., no notice of  
such visits requires to be sent to the other  
Lodges in the Province or District.

51. The Festival of St Andrew shall be celebrated in open Lodge, and shall be open to every brother who provides himself with a ticket for that purpose. The price of the ticket shall be fixed by Grand Committee, subject to the approval of Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication immediately preceding St Andrew's Day. The Festival shall be Expenses. so conducted as to insure that the expenses

Festival of  
St Andrew to be  
celebrated in  
open Lodge.  
Is open to every  
brother.

thereof, excepting always a reasonable allowance for music, etc., to be fixed by Grand Committee, shall be covered by the moneys to be drawn from the brethren attending.

Applications for  
Grand Lodge to  
lay foundation-  
stones.

52. In all cases when Grand Lodge is called upon to officiate at the laying of foundation-stones, the application must be made through Grand Secretary, who shall convene a meeting of the Grand Committee within eight days, and lay the same before it. Grand Committee shall have power to take steps to carry the same into effect, and order Grand Secretary to summon a meeting of Grand Lodge for the occasion, at the place and date specified.

Who shall  
preside.

53. Where foundation-stones are to be laid in the Provinces with Masonic honours, at which Grand Lodge may not find it convenient or may not have been invited to attend, the Provincial Grand Master shall preside, and make all necessary arrangements; or in his absence the Past Provincial Grand Master, or the Depute or the Substitute Provincial Grand Master, or the Senior or the Junior Provincial Grand Warden, whom failing, the Master of the Senior Lodge of the Province. In the event of the Provincial Grand Lodge being dormant, it shall be in the power only of

**Grand Lodge or Grand Committee to appoint a brother to preside, who may select the other Office-Bearers for the occasion.**

**54. No Lodge in the Metropolitan District shall be permitted to conduct the ceremony of laying a foundation-stone without the sanction of Grand Lodge or Grand Committee being first obtained; and no Lodge in the provinces or other districts without that of the Provincial or District Grand Master.**

Lodges laying foundation-stones.

**55. When the use of Grand Lodge Jewels and Paraphernalia is required by Provincial Grand Lodges for the ceremony of laying foundation-stones, or other Masonic demonstrations, the application must be made through Grand Secretary. All expenses connected with the transmission of the jewels, etc., to be defrayed by the parties applying.**

Use of paraphernalia, etc.

**56. At all meetings of Grand Lodge, at public processions, and upon all other occasions, precedence in Grand Lodge shall be regulated as follows—past rank being given to all Past Grand Office-Bearers and Past Provincial and District Grand Masters who are qualified members of Grand Lodge:—**

Rank and precedence in Grand Lodge.

Past rank.

**The Grand Master Mason,  
Past Grand Masters,**

Grand Master Depute,  
Past Grand Masters Depute,  
Substitute Grand Master,  
Past Substitute Grand Masters,  
Provincial and District Grand Masters,  
Past Provincial and District Grand  
Masters,  
Proxy District Grand Masters,  
Representatives of Sister Grand Lodges,  
Grand Wardens,  
Past Grand Wardens,  
Grand Secretary,  
Past Grand Secretaries,  
Grand Treasurer,  
Past Grand Treasurers,  
Grand Chaplains,  
Past Grand Chaplains,  
Grand Deacons,  
Past Grand Deacons,  
Grand Architect,  
Past Grand Architects,  
Grand Jeweller,  
Past Grand Jewellers;  
Grand Bible-Bearer,  
Past Grand Bible-Bearers,  
Grand Director of Ceremonies,  
Past Grand Directors of Ceremonies,  
Grand Bard,  
Past Grand Bards,  
Grand Sword-Bearer

Past Grand Sword-Bearers,  
Grand Director of Music,  
Past Grand Directors of Music,  
Members of Grand Committee,  
Grand Stewards of the year,  
Grand Organist,  
Past Grand Organists,  
Grand Marshal,  
Past Grand Marshals,  
Grand Inner Guard,  
Past Grand Inner Guards,  
Grand Tyler.

57. Members of Grand Lodge, and the Masters and Wardens of Daughter Lodges in attendance shall be entitled to rank immediately after the Grand Office-Bearers, Past Grand Office-Bearers, Provincial and District Grand Masters, and others above-mentioned, according to the seniority of their respective Lodges.

How members  
of Grand Lodge,  
and Masters  
and Wardens of  
Lodges rank.

58. Daughter Lodges shall take precedence according to their seniority on the roll of Grand Lodge, and the Office-Bearers thereof shall take precedence according to their respective offices.

Precedency of  
Lodges, and  
Office-Bearers.

59. The Senior Member out of office of the Lodge of Journeymen Masons. No. 8. Carrying the working tools.

shall be entitled to carry the mallet, and the Apprentices of the same Lodge shall carry the working tools, in all processions in the Metropolitan District. On all other occasions where Grand Lodge is officiating in laying foundation-stones, the Senior Lodge of the Province or District shall be entitled to do so. The other Paraphernalia shall on all occasions be carried by Office-Bearers of Grand Lodge.

Public appear-  
ances in  
Masonic  
regalia.

60. No procession or other public appearance of the Craft in Masonic regalia shall on any account be allowed without the licence of Grand Lodge, or of the Provincial or District Grand Master, and in his absence, the Depute or the Substitute Provincial or District Grand Master.

Representation  
in Grand Lodge  
by Lodge  
Office-Bearers.

61. Masters and Wardens of Lodges intending to represent their respective Lodges in Grand Lodge, shall, through the Secretaries of their Lodges give notice of such intention to Grand Secretary, immediately after their election, and in no case later than the 15th of January following.

Proxies.

62. Proxy Commissions by Lodges on the Roll of Grand Lodge shall be dated on the day of the Annual Election of Office-Bearers of the Lodge, and can only be cancelled on that day.

**63.** No Proxy Commission shall be held as cancelled unless intimation thereof be given to Grand Secretary and the Proxy Master holding the cancelled commission within fourteen days from and after the date on which it was cancelled. No Lodge standing on the Roll as represented in Grand Lodge can cancel a Proxy Commission within a shorter period than one year from the date on which it was granted. Every commission from Lodges within Scotland must be lodged with the Grand Secretary at least forty-eight hours previous to the second Quarterly Communication after its date, and the Proxy Master may at the same time give in the names of his Proxy Wardens.

Time of lodging  
Commissions.

**64.** Proxy Commissions shall be received at any time from Lodges abroad. Lodges within Scotland unrepresented in Grand Lodge may grant Proxy Commissions at any time; but if appointed or enrolled subsequent to the first Monday of April, the holders of such Commissions shall not be entitled to vote in Grand Lodge.

Exceptions to  
the Rule.

**65.** In the event of the death, resignation, or disqualification of a Proxy Master, it shall be in the power of his constituents immediately thereafter to meet and elect another Proxy

Death or dis-  
qualification of  
a Proxy Master

Master, but the Wardens formerly appointed shall remain till next annual election.

Disqualification  
to presentation  
of Proxy Com-  
missions.

66. Proxy Commissions from Lodges one year in arrear of Grand Lodge dues cannot be received.

Proxy Commis-  
sions reported to  
Grand Lodge.

67. If Grand Secretary shall be satisfied that the Commission in favour of the Proxy Master is correct, the same shall be reported to Grand Lodge, and if sustained, the names and designations of the Proxy Master and Proxy Wardens shall be inserted in the Roll of Grand Lodge by Grand Secretary. At all Quarterly Communications of Grand Lodge such Commissions shall be taken up and considered in preference to all other business. For recording each Proxy Commission there shall be paid the sum specified in the Table of Fees.

Recording fees.

Proxy Wardens.

68. No Proxy Warden shall be entitled to be admitted to any meeting unless his appointment, and name and designation, be previously registered in the Roll of Members of Grand Lodge.

Change of  
Proxy Wardens.

69. A Proxy Master shall not be allowed to change his Wardens during the year for which their fees have been paid, except in the case of death, disqualification, or resignation.

70. Any Lodge guilty of issuing blank Proxy Commissions prohibited. Proxy Commissions, to be afterwards filled up, shall be liable to the severe censure of Grand Lodge, and, upon a repetition of the offence, shall be struck off the Roll; and any brother who shall fill up or use a blank Commission shall, upon conviction, be subjected to expulsion from Grand Lodge, or to such other punishment as may in the circumstances be deemed sufficient.

71. It shall be competent for any Colonial Proxy District Grand Masters. or Foreign District Grand Lodge to nominate and appoint a Proxy District Grand Master, who may vote and act in Grand Lodge, and in all other Masonic matters, with the same powers as such District Grand Master.

72. No brother can represent in Grand Lodge or be enrolled for more than one Daughter Lodge at the same time. No brother can represent two Lodges at same time.

73. No brother shall introduce any person Fraudulent introduction of voters. not being a member to act or vote in Grand Lodge, on pain of suspension from all Masonic privileges during the pleasure of Grand Lodge, and the person so introduced shall be subject to the same penalty.

74. Every member of Grand Lodge shall, Test of membership. in order to raise a fund for supporting the

same, pay five shillings on or before 31st January annually as a test of membership, besides the contribution specified in the Schedule of Fees.

Payable on  
enrolment.

75. Member's fees must be paid on enrolment, at whatever period in the course of each year they may be enrolled.

Roll of Members  
—when and how  
made up.

76. The Roll of Members constituting Grand Lodge shall be made up annually on the first Monday of April in each year, and shall consist of all who are qualified members of Grand Lodge on that day by previous payment of fees; and the members on the Roll so made up shall alone be qualified to vote in Grand Lodge at any meeting thereof held previous to the Quarterly Communication in February thereafter, except in the cases following, viz.:—(1) The places of members dying, resigning, or becoming disqualified, may be filled up at any time; (2) Representatives of Lodges abroad may be put on the Roll at any time; (3) In the case of Lodges which appoint their Office-Bearers on St John's Day, 24th June, the Masters and Wardens, or Proxy Masters and Proxy Wardens, may be put on the Roll not later than the first Monday of August following that appointment. A copy of the Roll so made up, and containing an

Filling up  
vacancies.

Copy of Roll  
to be sent to  
members.

appendix of unqualified and unrepresented Lodges shall be thereafter sent to every member of Grand Lodge.

**77.** All Lodges holding of Grand Lodge, whether represented or not by their Masters and Wardens or by Proxies, shall pay the fees exigible for representation in Grand Lodge not later than the 31st January annually.

Lodges responsible for representation fees.

**78.** All members of Grand Lodge, all Sub-ordinate Lodges, and the brethren at large, are enjoined and commanded to provide themselves with copies of the latest edition of the Constitution and Laws as printed and published by authority of Grand Lodge.

Members and brethren to provide themselves with copies of the Constitution.

**79.** It shall be in the power of Grand Lodges to confer the distinction of Honorary Membership of Grand Lodge upon Sovereigns, or other distinguished Brethren.

Honorary Members.

**80.** The nomination of Honorary Members is vested in the Grand Master alone; each nomination being subject to confirmation by Grand Lodge.

Mode of appointment.

**81.** Honorary Members have no vote in Grand Lodge.

Have no vote.

**Their badge.**

82. The badge of Honorary Members shall be worn as a medal on the breast. Neither the apron nor cordon of the Grand Lodge of Scotland shall be conferred on Honorary Members — their decoration, as such, being the distinctive badge provided for them.

**Its cost.**

83. A sum, fixed by the Grand Committee, shall be allowed for badges to Honorary Members of Grand Lodge.

**Representatives  
to and from  
Sister Grand  
Lodges.**

84. Representatives to Sister Grand Lodges may be appointed by Grand Lodge at any Quarterly Communication; and said Representatives shall have conferred on them such rank as may be appropriate; which rank shall be expressed in their commissions. Representatives from Sister Grand Lodges, who must be qualified members of Grand Lodge, may, on presentation of their commissions, be received at any Quarterly Communication, and shall take such rank in Grand Lodge as is allowed in their commissions.

**Their rank.****Their clothing,  
etc.**

85. Representative Members to Sister Grand Lodges wear clothing (viz., apron, cordon, and ribbon with badge) similar to the clothing of Grand Office-Bearers; said clothing, when furnished by, to remain the property of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and

to be handed over to each new Representative in a Sister Grand Lodge when appointed.

86. Brethren of eminence and outstanding Honorary rank, ability who have rendered service to the Craft may, by appointment of the Grand Master, have conferred on them such Honorary rank of Office-Bearers of Grand Lodge as may be thought proper.

87. Grand Lodge recognises no Degrees of <sup>Degrees of</sup> Masonry but those of Entered Apprentice, Fellow-Craft (including the Mark), and Master Mason.

88. Grand Lodge recognises a Ceremonial <sup>Ceremonial of</sup> Installation of Masters of Lodges on their <sup>Installed</sup> Master, taking the Chair. It can under no circumstances be conferred upon any except the Grand Master Mason, Provincial and District Grand Masters, and Masters of Lodges, or those Past Masters who have for the term of one year occupied a Chair as a duly elected Master. It can only be conferred when three or more Installed Masters are present, and any Lodge having that number of Installed Masters present at a meeting may confer the Ceremonial upon its Master, or on any Past Master; or, in the event of any Lodge not having a sufficient number of Installed Masters,

the Master of that Lodge, or any Past Master, may be installed in any other Lodge having three Installed Masters present, provided he produce evidence to the satisfaction of these Installed Masters that he is *bona fide* Master of a Lodge, or has served as such for the period before stated. In Colonial and Foreign Lodges, the Installation ceremony may be conferred by one or more Installed Masters, on obtaining a dispensation from the District Grand Master, and where there is no District Grand Master, from Grand Lodge, or Grand Committee.

## GRAND COMMITTEE.

Grand Committee--how constituted.

Quorum.

89. The Grand Committee consists of the Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Grand Master Depute, Substitute Grand Master, forty-eight elective members, and the Law Agent, who shall be a member *ex officio*, but without a vote. Five to be a quorum. All qualified members of Grand Lodge are eligible for election. No brother being in arrear of his contributions to Grand Lodge, or whose Lodge is any way in arrear, can be elected or take his seat and vote as a member of Grand Committee.

90. The sixteen elective members who stood at the top of the list of the Grand Committee at the preceding election shall annually go out of office, but shall be eligible for reappointment at the Quarterly Communication in February of each year.

91. The manner of nomination and election of the Grand Committee shall be as follows:—

In the circular intimating the Quarterly Communication for November annually, a paragraph shall be introduced, reminding members of Grand Lodge that the election of members of Grand Committee in room of those who retire falls to take place at the Quarterly Communication in February. It shall be further stated that any qualified members of Grand Lodge wishing to nominate a brother for election shall send to Grand Secretary a written nomination on or before the 15th day of January; such nomination paper shall state his full name, name and number of his Mother Lodge, names and numbers of all Lodges with which he is in active membership, his Masonic rank in these Lodges, the name and number of the Lodge for which he is a proxy and his rank as such; also the names and designations of his proposer and seconder. Grand Secretary shall thereafter make up a list of brethren who have been duly proposed, and issue it with the

circular calling the Quarterly Communication for February. The election shall be by show of hands. Grand Secretary shall intimate by circular, annually, between 10th and 15th December, to the members of Grand Committee who fall to retire from office in the following month of February, the fact of their having so to retire, and that should they desire to become candidates for re-election, their nomination papers, signed by two members of Grand Lodge,, must be lodged with Grand Secretary not later than 15th January.

**Standing Committees.**

92. Grand Committee shall annually appoint the following Standing Committees, viz :—

**Finance.**

(a) Finance Committee, consisting of seven of its own number, three to be a quorum, and not more than two to be resident in one Province. The Finance Committee shall meet monthly, and at other times when necessary.

**Supervision of income.**

The whole of the financial income of Grand Lodge, from whatever source, Benevolent and Annuity Funds included, shall come under the direct supervision of the Finance Committee, and no individual Brother, Trustee or Committee shall be allowed to operate upon any fund or account belonging to Grand Lodge, unless sanctioned by said Finance Committee and approved by Grand Committee or Grand

Lodge, and any brother or Committee operating on the above shall be bound to refund the sums affected thereby. Cheques drawn on the bank account shall be signed by the Chairman of this Committee monthly before they are paid by the bank. The Cash Book of Grand Lodge shall be regularly and correctly entered up and balanced monthly by Grand Treasurer, and together with the Auditor's statement submitted to the Committee at each meeting. It shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to see that all sums of money received on behalf of Grand Lodge have been duly credited in said Cash Book, and that the balance as then shown is correct and accounted for.

Cash book to  
be balanced  
monthly.

(b) A Hall and Buildings Committee, consisting of seven of its number, whose duty shall be to see that all contracts for work have been duly executed,—attend to the letting of the Hall and other property,—and, generally, to take the care and management of the whole property. Three shall form a quorum.

Hall and  
Buildings.

(c) A Bye-Laws Committee, consisting of seven of its number, whose duty shall be to revise all bye-laws sent to Grand Secretary previous to their being submitted to Grand Committee. Three shall form a quorum.

Foreign and  
Colonial.

(d) A Foreign and Colonial Committee, to which questions affecting the interest of the Scottish Craft in Foreign countries and the Colonies may be referred for investigation, and report to Grand Committee. The Committee to consist of seven ; three to form a quorum.

Petitions, Com-  
plaints, and  
Appeals.

(e) A Petitions, Complaints, and Appeals Committee, to which cases of dispute arising between Lodges and members of the Craft may be remitted for inquiry, and report to Grand Committee. The Committee to consist of seven ; three to form a quorum.

Visitation of  
Metropolitan  
Lodges.

(f) A Visitation Committee, consisting of twelve of its number, three to be a quorum, whose duty shall be to visit annually the Lodges in the Metropolitan District, examine their books, and inquire into their mode of working, and report to Grand Committee.

Museum and  
Library.

(g) A Museum and Library Committee, consisting of seven of its number, three to be a quorum, who shall have the custody and care of the Library and of the books, pamphlets, MSS., etc., belonging thereto, catalogue the same, enact bye-laws, keep a book in which the names and addresses of borrowers, date of lending, and of returning of books, etc., borrowed, shall be entered, and report to Grand Committee.

**93.** The appointment of the Standing Committees shall be subject to the approval or disapproval of Grand Lodge.

Appointment of  
Committees  
subject to  
approval.

**94.** The Chairman of each Standing Committee shall be appointed by Grand Committee.

Chairman of  
Committees  
how appointed

**95.** The election of members to fill vacancies caused by death, resignation, or disqualification, between the dates of election by Grand Lodge, shall lie with the remaining members of Grand Committee. Such interim appointments to last till the date of next annual election. The interim members to be eligible for re-election.

**96.** In the absence of the Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Grand Master Depute, and Substitute Grand Master, the meeting shall appoint its own Chairman.

**97.** The Grand Committee is the ordinary judicial tribunal of Grand Lodge, and shall have full power to determine all matters coming before it, whether remitted for its consideration by Grand Lodge or arising out of any emergency occurring in the interval betwixt the Quarterly Communications; and for that purpose to summon brethren to attend, examine witnesses, and call for productions.

Powers and  
duties.

It shall regularly report all its transactions for the information and approval or disapproval of Grand Lodge. All remits from Grand Lodge shall be taken up by Grand Committee at its first ordinary meeting after each remit.

**Ordinary meetings.**

**98.** The Ordinary Meetings of Grand Committee shall be held on the second last Thursday of every month; but Grand Committee may dispense with or alter the day of any of its statutory meetings.

**Special meetings.**

**99.** The Grand Secretary shall, upon the requisition of five duly qualified members of Grand Committee, call a meeting thereof, to be held within four days after receipt of such requisition.

**Business to be notified.**

**100.** No business shall be taken up and considered by Grand Committee which has not been notified in the circular calling the meeting, except such as may be intimated subsequent to the printing of the Agenda, and requires immediate attention.

**Selection of candidates for vacant offices in Grand Lodge.**

**101.** A meeting of Grand Committee shall be held at least one month previous to the annual meeting of Grand Lodge in November, to take measures for the selection and nomination of candidates to fill up the vacant offices in Grand Lodge for the ensuing year. Such

selection or nomination shall, however, in no way affect the ultimate decision of Grand Lodge, which possesses the right to nominate and elect its Office-Bearers.

**102.** At the meeting of Grand Committee on the second last Thursday of December annually, a report shall be made by Grand Secretary of all Lodges in arrear of Annual Certificates, etc., and liable to be struck off the Roll of Grand Lodge.

Annual Report  
of Lodges in  
arrear of dues.

**103.** An inventory and valuation of the moveable property belonging to Grand Lodge, together with a rental and valuation of the heritable property, shall be made up by Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer respectively, on the second last Thursday of October annually, which inventory, valuation, etc., shall be laid before Grand Committee at its next meeting, and be examined and docqueted by its Chairman if correct, and thereafter inserted in the minutes.

Inventory and  
valuation of  
property.

**104.** No property shall be purchased or sold without the consent and authority of Grand Lodge.

Purchase or  
disposal of  
property.

**105.** All heritable property belonging to Grand Lodge shall be held by Trustees appointed by Grand Lodge.

Property to be  
held by Trus-  
tees.

Estimates to be  
taken for work.

106. Estimates shall, where possible, be taken from parties connected with the Craft for all work to be executed for Grand Lodge, the expense of which Grand Committee shall have reason to believe may exceed five pounds sterling. No member of Grand Committee shall offer or be accepted to execute work for Grand Lodge, with the exception of the Law Agent, and the Grand Jeweller should he be a member.

Form of  
procedure  
in cases of  
dispute.

107. In the event of disputes arising between Subordinate Lodges or Members of the Craft, the party or parties aggrieved may lay the same before Grand Lodge by a written petition and memorial, signed by him or them, stating distinctly the matter complained of.

Copies of papers  
to be served.

108. Such petition and memorial, together with a certificate by the complainant that a copy thereof has been served on the party complained against, shall be lodged with Grand Secretary, and fees paid therewith; and Grand Secretary shall lay the petition before the first meeting of Grand Committee, which shall have power either to proceed with the consideration of the case, or to report the same, for instructions, to the next Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

109. Contending parties when duly summoned shall appear before Grand Committee, either personally or by their mandatories—such mandatories being members of the Craft,—when the party complained against may be heard upon a preliminary defence, and the other party allowed to reply. Grand Committee shall then either decide upon the case, refuse the petition, or order answers within fourteen days, or such other period as may be thought fit, under certification. After answers, or in case answers should seem to be unnecessary, it may appoint a Sub-Committee of its number to take a proof, and report to next meeting of Grand Committee. The petition shall then be taken into consideration, with or without answers and proof, and Grand Committee shall proceed to give judgment, or, in case of difficulty, report the case, with the whole proceedings therein, to next Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

Parties may appear personally or by mandatories.

110. It shall be in the power of any party or parties who may feel themselves aggrieved by the decisions of Grand Committee to appeal the same to Grand Lodge; but in such case the party appealing must previously lodge with Grand Secretary a sum equal to the amount of the reasonable expenses already incurred by

Power of appeal.

the other party, which sum Grand Secretary is hereby empowered to fix, at the sight of Grand Committee, and the same shall be forfeited and be paid to the other party in case Grand Lodge shall affirm the decision of Grand Committee.

Pleadings on appeal.

**111.** In cases of appeal, it shall be competent for Grand Lodge to call for further productions, pleadings, or evidence, and to hear parties or their mandatories, or to remit the cause to Grand Committee, with instructions; but in no case shall an appeal be competent except upon the merits of the cause, or until after the deliberate decision of Grand Committee thereupon. Grand Secretary shall mark on the back of each paper the date when the same was lodged, and shall immediately make a copy thereof for, and at the expense of, the opposite party, except in the case of a petition wherewith certificate of service has been produced.

Fees in cases of complaint.

**112.** With each petition or with answers, appeal or other pleadings, there shall be paid a fee of five shillings. There shall also be paid a fee of one shilling at each borrowing or returning of the process or productions. Over and above theforesaid fees there shall be paid, for all extracts of the proceedings, at the rate

of two shillings and sixpence for the first sheet, and one shilling and sixpence for each additional sheet, by the party requiring the same ; the like fees being exigible for the copies of papers requiring to be made under the preceding regulation.

113. The judgments of Grand Committee (when not appealed from within one month), and of Grand Lodge shall be held to be final and not reviewable by any tribunal whatever ; and any party challenging, or refusing to submit to, or implement the same, shall be liable to expulsion from Grand Lodge, deprivation of Masonic privileges, or such other punishment or censure as Grand Lodge may see proper to inflict.

Final judgments  
of Grand Lodge,  
not reviewable.

## PROVINCIAL AND DISTRICT GRAND LODGES.

114. Scotland, the Colonies, and Foreign parts shall be divided into Provinces or Districts for Masonic purposes. In Colonies and Foreign parts, the titles "District Grand Master" and "District Grand Lodge" shall be used to distinguish such Office-Bearers and Lodges from Provincial Grand Masters and

Erection of  
Masonic  
Provinces or  
Districts

**Precedency.**

Provincial Grand Lodges in Scotland. The precedence of Provincial and District Grand Lodges shall be regulated by the dates of their respective Charters of Erection.

**Commission to  
Provincial  
or District  
Grand Masters.**

115. Each Province or District shall have a Provincial or District Grand Master appointed by Commission from Grand Lodge, for which Commission a fee of ten pounds ten shillings shall be exigible. Provincial and District Grand Masters shall be styled "Right Worshipful," and the other Office-Bearers shall be styled "Worshipful." In Colonial possessions and Dependencies of the Crown, and in Foreign parts, each District Grand Master shall be styled "Right Worshipful Grand Master of Scottish Freemasonry in" (naming the Colony, Dependency, or District).

**Commission  
to hold for five  
years.**

116. Commissions to Provincial and District Grand Masters shall lapse at the expiry of five years from date of issue. Provincial and District Grand Masters shall be eligible for reappointment. A fee of two pounds two shillings shall be exigible on renewal of Commission.

**Provincial  
or District  
Grand Lodges  
—how consti-  
tuted.**

117. The Provincial or District Grand Master, Past Provincial or District Grand Masters, with all the Office-Bearers (excepting

the Provincial or District Grand Tyler), all Past Masters who have filled the Chair as Master of a Daughter Lodge in the Province or District for one year, and who are contributing members to a Lodge in said Province or District, and have paid their fees, and the Masters, Immediate Past Masters, and Wardens of the several Lodges in the Province or District which have complied with the Regulations of Grand Lodge, shall form each Provincial or District Grand Lodge, and be entitled to vote therein. But no member of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, holding office in a Lodge under any other Masonic Constitution, shall be entitled to hold office, or to vote, ~~Disqualification~~ in any Scottish District Grand Lodge, or Daughter Lodge, unless under Dispensation granted by the Grand Master Mason of Scotland.

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118. Each Provincial or District Grand Master shall be entitled to choose and appoint Office-Bearers  
—commissioned  
and elective. by Commission, from time to time, a Depute Master, a Substitute Master, a Secretary, and a Chaplain or Chaplains. Such other Office-Bearers, as Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Architect, Jeweller, Bible-Bearer, Director of Ceremonies, Sword - Bearer, Director of Music, Standard-Bearer, Steward, Inner Guard,

**Qualification.**

and Tyler, shall be elected annually by Provincial and District Grand Lodges. All of them (commissioned and elective) must be Master Masons in good standing on the Roll of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, hailing from Lodges and having a residence in the neighbourhood or within the Province or District, but not necessarily Masters, Past Masters, or Wardens of Lodges in the Province or District. In District Grand Lodges in Colonial or Foreign parts, embracing large territory, it shall be competent for District Grand Masters to appoint Superintendents over outlying districts of such territory, whose duty shall be to superintend the working of the Lodges in the localities assigned to them, subject to the control and direction of their District Grand Masters, and to report from time to time thereon.

**Superintendents  
may be  
appointed.****Tenure of office.**

119. The law prohibiting the holding of the same office in Grand Lodge longer than two years consecutively shall apply also to the corresponding elective Office-Bearers of Provincial or District Grand Lodges.

**Filling Chairs  
in absence.**

120. In the absence of the Provincial or District Grand Master the Chair shall be taken in the following order:—The Immediate Past or any Past Provincial or District Grand Master of the Province or District, the Pro-

vincial Grand Master Depute, the Substitute Provincial Grand Master, the Senior Provincial Grand Warden, the Junior Provincial Grand Warden, the Master of the Senior Lodge present. In the absence of the Provincial Grand Wardens, their Chairs shall be filled by the Masters present according to the seniority of their respective Lodges in the Province.

121. At all meetings of a Provincial or District Grand Lodge, precedence and past rank shall be regulated by the practice of Grand Lodge. Installed Office-Bearers, on the expiry of their periods of office, shall be entitled to the past rank of their respective offices.

122. The Office-Bearers of a Provincial or District Grand Lodge (with the exception of the Provincial or District Grand Master), do not take rank out of their Province or District ; they are, however, entitled to wear their clothing as Provincial or District Grand Office-Bearers in all Masonic meetings.

123. Each Provincial or District Grand Master, or the Depute or the Substitute Provincial or District Grand Master, shall visit annually every Lodge under his charge ; call special meetings of the Provincial or District

Grand Lodges at such places and times as he shall think fit; examine into the state of Freemasonry in his Province or District, and report from time to time to Grand Lodge.

Visitations.

**124.** When a Provincial or District Grand Master, a Depute, or a Substitute Provincial or District Grand Master, or the Provincial or District Grand Wardens, with other Provincial or District Grand Office - Bearers shall visit officially a Daughter Lodge, the Master, Wardens, and other Office - Bearers of that Lodge shall resign their respective Chairs to the corresponding Office-Bearers of Provincial or District Grand Lodge; the Provincial or District Grand Master, or the Office-Bearer heading the visitation shall take the place of the Master, and the Master of the Lodge shall sit at the Provincial or District Grand Master's right hand. A Provincial or District Grand Master, or his Depute, or his Substitute, shall be received in the Third Degree, unless otherwise ordered by the Provincial or District Grand Master, or in his absence by the brother heading the deputation.

In the Third  
Degree, unless  
otherwise  
ordered.

Consecration of  
new Lodges.

**125.** The Provincial or District Grand Master, the Past Provincial or District Grand Masters, the Depute, or the Substitute Provincial or District Grand Master shall consecrate

all new Lodges erected in their respective Districts, and such places of meeting in connection therewith, as shall have been approved by the Provincial or District Grand Master.

They shall also, in the absence of the Grand Office - Bearers, preside at all Masonic ceremonials, etc., within their respective Districts.

In absence of  
Grand Office-  
Bearers, to  
preside at  
ceremonials.

126. The Provincial or District Grand Lodge shall hear and determine all subjects of Masonic complaint or irregularity respecting Lodges or brethren within the district, and may proceed to admonition or fine, or even suspension, unless or until the party thinking himself aggrieved bring the matter before Grand Lodge or Grand Committee. In all cases of expulsion or suspension, Provincial or District Grand Secretaries shall notify the same to Grand Lodge, and on the same becoming final, to the Lodges in their Provinces or Districts. Grand Lodge delegates to its

To hear and  
determine  
complaints.

Expulsions, etc.  
to be notified.

District Grand Masters in the Colonies and in Foreign parts, in addition to the powers herein given, the power of investigating, regulating, and deciding all matters relative to Lodges and brethren within their respective Districts, including the power of admonition and suspension, which power they may exercise either of themselves, or by a Board or Committee of their

Additional  
powers to  
District Grand  
Masters.

Body, reserving to those concerned the right of appeal to Grand Lodge.

**Form of procedure.**

127. In the event of disputes arising between Lodges or Members of the Craft within the Provinces or Districts, Provincial or District Grand Lodges shall be regulated by the enactments concerning processes, etc., before Grand Lodge or Grand Committee. But if the petition or complaint involves matters subversive of Freemasonry, and which ought not to be committed fully to writing, the petitioner must attend in person in the Provincial or District Grand Lodge, and afford it the whole requisite information. All further procedure before it, shall, in such cases, take place at the instance of Provincial or District Grand Lodge itself, and the whole expenses be defrayed by it.

**Discretionary powers to Grand Secretary.**

128. Questions affecting Lodges ~~in~~ in the Colonies and in Foreign parts, in regard to which it is undesirable that a literal interpretation of the Constitution and Laws be given, may be dealt with by Grand Secretary, and he shall report to Grand Committee the circumstances of each case.

**Dues on lodgings papers.**

129. The dues exigible by Provincial or District Grand Secretaries for papers in process before Provincial or District Grand Lodges,

shall be one-half of those payable to Grand Lodge, as specified in Rule 112.

130. Provincial Grand Masters are strictly enjoined not to recognise any Lodge in Scotland acting independently of Grand Lodge, nor to allow any member of such to attend any Masonic meeting or ceremonial of which they have the management and control.

Irregular Lodges not to be recognised.

131. Each Provincial and District Grand Lodge shall hold Quarterly Communications on such convenient days as shall be fixed by the Provincial or District Grand Master, and the meetings may be adjourned from time to time (but no business shall be taken up at an adjourned meeting which has not already been before the previous Quarterly Communication), and their meetings shall not be interrupted by the death or retirement of the Provincial or District Grand Master. All business shall be transacted in the Third Degree.

Provincial Grand Lodges to hold Quarterly Communications.

132. A Provincial or District Grand Lodge which has not assembled for the space of two years becomes dormant, and shall have no power to call meetings until authorised by Grand Lodge.

Not assembling for two years.

Come under  
direct control of  
Grand Lodge.

**133.** When a Provincial or District Grand Lodge becomes dormant, or fails to comply with the requirements of the Constitution and Laws, the Lodges in the Province or District come under the immediate superintendence of Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge  
may convene a  
Provincial  
Grand Lodge.

**134.** Grand Lodge or Grand Committee has full power at any time to convene a Provincial or District Grand Lodge, independently of the Provincial or District Grand Master, by orders transmitted through Grand Secretary to the Master of one of the Lodges in the District, who shall summon the meeting to be held within ten days thereafter, or for such day as shall be intimated to him.

Provincial  
Grand Master  
to present his  
Commission.

**135.** On the appointment of a Provincial or District Grand Master, he shall convene the Provincial or District Grand Lodge, and lay before it his Commission within six months of its date, otherwise it shall be null and void, except in cases of Provincial or District Grand Lodges in the Colonies and Foreign parts, or on cause shown to the satisfaction of Grand Committee.

Provincial  
Grand Office-  
Bearers to be  
installed.

**136.** No Office-Bearer of a Provincial or District Grand Lodge can act as such, until he has been installed into office.

137. A Provincial or District Grand Lodge shall have Bye-Laws in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of Grand Lodge. Such Bye-Laws shall not be valid until approved by Grand Lodge.

138. A Provincial or District Grand Lodge shall fix a sum to be paid to it by each Lodge in the Province or District, of not less than twenty shillings annually, for necessary purposes; and a further sum not exceeding five shillings for each candidate initiated in the respective Lodges in the Province or District, which latter sum shall form a Benevolent Fund, and be kept separate from the ordinary income of Provincial or District Grand Lodge.

The Lodges in the Metropolitan District shall pay the same fees to Grand Committee, to meet the necessary expenses of the Visitation Committee in visiting and supervising these Lodges, and for purposes of benevolence on behalf of applicants belonging to the said Lodges. The funds so collected shall be administered under the direction of Grand Committee. Any Lodge in arrear of such annual contribution and the above levy for benevolent purposes, and refusing to pay the same, shall have no right to be represented in Provincial or District Grand Lodge, and shall also be liable to suspension.

Penalty for non-payment of levy.

Levy from  
Office-Bearers  
and Members  
of Provincial  
Grand Lodges.

139. A Provincial or District Grand Lodge shall levy annually from its Office-Bearers and members such fees as a test of membership, as may be determined by each Provincial or District Grand Lodge.

Proxies admiss-  
ible to Colonial  
District  
Grand Lodges.

140. It shall be competent for Daughter Lodges abroad to nominate any three Master Masons to represent their Master and Wardens at all meetings of the Foreign or Colonial District Grand Lodge, of which the Master and Wardens of such Daughter Lodges are members, with all their powers.

## DAUGHTER LODGES.

Application for  
a Charter.

141. When any number of Master Masons in good standing (*i.e.*, clear of all dues and free from Masonic censure), not fewer than seven, are desirous of establishing a new Lodge, they must apply by petition, setting forth the reasons why such new Lodge is craved to be erected, and praying Grand Lodge to constitute them a regular Lodge, and to grant them a Charter accordingly.

Recommendation  
of petition.

142. If resident in the Metropolitan District, they must, along with the petition, produce a

recommendation signed by the Master and Wardens of at least two of the Sister Lodges in said District with consent of their Lodges; but if resident in any other Province or District, such petition must be recommended by at least two Lodges in the Province or District, and also by the Provincial or District Grand Lodge.

**143.** District Grand Masters may erect new Lodges by dispensation. Such dispensations can only be cancelled by Grand Lodge.

**144.** All Charters shall bear date from the day of granting the same, and the Lodges shall take precedence accordingly; and such Charters shall be duly recorded by Grand Secretary in the Chartulary of Grand Lodge.

**145.** The fee for a Charter shall be ten pounds ten shillings, and shall be lodged in the hands of Grand Secretary at the time of presenting the petition.

**146.** In the event of the Charter of any Lodge being lost, destroyed, or unlawfully taken possession of, a Duplicate Charter authorised by Grand Committee, and signed by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, shall have the same force and validity as

Charter lost or withheld.

Duplicate may be issued.

the original Charter,--provided always that an affidavit, stating the fact and probable cause of the loss, destruction, or detention of the Charter, be made by the Master and Wardens, or in case of the death or absence of such Office-Bearers, by five brethren authorised for that purpose by the Lodge; for such Duplicate Charter, a fee of two pounds two shillings shall be paid to Grand Lodge.

Fee for  
duplicate.

A Lodge must  
be consecrated.

147. When a Charter for the erection of a Lodge is granted in a District where there is no Provincial or District Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge shall at the same time appoint a brother to consecrate the applicants into a regular Lodge.

Charter to be  
open for  
inspection.

148. The Charter must be present at every meeting, in view of, and open to the inspection of the brethren. The Charter, books, papers, jewels, clothing, and paraphernalia of a Lodge shall be inalienable. Should the majority of any Lodge retire from it, the power of carrying on the work remains with the minority, and should the number of the brethren of a Lodge be fewer than three, the Lodge shall become dormant, and the Charter, books, papers, jewels, clothing, and paraphernalia of the Lodge shall be delivered to Grand Lodge, and shall become the property of Grand Lodge.

Charters of  
dormant  
Lodges.

for Masonic purposes. Such Lodge may be Dormant Lodges may be resuscitated on the application of one or more resuscitated members of it, under a Dispensation granted by the Provincial or District Grand Master of the Province or District, or by Grand Lodge. In the event of such Charters, books, papers, jewels, clothing, and paraphernalia being withheld by a member or members of the Craft, he or they shall be subject to suspension or expulsion from the Order, and any of the remaining members of such Lodges, or the Provincial or District Grand Master of the Province or District, or Grand Lodge may apply to the Civil Courts for a warrant for the delivery of theforesaid articles. A Charter cannot be transferred under any Charters circumstances. cannot be transferred.

149. All Lodges holding of the Grand Lodge of Scotland are required to have a fixed and customary place of meeting approved of by Grand Lodge, or by Provincial or District Grand Lodge. All Lodge meetings shall be held in the ordinary Lodge-Room of each Daughter Lodge, and the usual clothing and paraphernalia of the Lodge shall be used on such occasions.

150. A Lodge may, by consent of a majority of its members present and voting, be removed Change of place of meeting.

Sanction must  
be obtained.

from one house to another within the same town or place, provided a week's notice has been given to the members by formal intimation of a motion for removal, and of the time for considering such motion. In such cases the sanction of Provincial or District Grand Lodge, and in a District where there is no Provincial or District Grand Lodge, that of Grand Committee must be obtained.

Annual  
certificate.

151. Every Daughter Lodge shall annually, on or before Summer St John's Day (24th June), apply for and obtain a certificate from Grand Lodge; which certificate shall renew and continue to such Lodge for twelve months the privilege of holding Masonic meetings under Grand Lodge's sanction and authority.

Fee for annual  
certificate.

152. The said certificate shall be subscribed by Grand Secretary and sealed with the Seal of Grand Lodge: the sum of five shillings shall be paid for each certificate.

Declaration on  
applying for  
certificate.

153. In order to entitle a Lodge to the benefit of theforesaid Annual Certificate, there shall be produced to the Grand Master, Grand Master Depute, or Substitute Grand Master, through Grand Secretary, an affirmation by the Master or other Brother in the Chair for the time, and by the Treasurer or person acting on

his behalf, declaring, on their honour as Freemasons, that the Lodge is really held under the denomination of a Lodge of Freemasons, and in strict conformity with their rules and usages; that the terms of the Charter granted by Grand Lodge have been duly observed: and also that the enactments contained in the Constitution and Laws have been fully complied with, so far as the same depends upon the applicants.

154. To effect the complete registration <sup>Grand Lodge diplomas</sup> of the names of all brethren initiated in Daughter Lodges, and to put such brethren in possession of every Masonic privilege both at home and abroad, Grand Lodge reserves to itself the sole power of granting Diplomas. Diplomas may be withheld from Lodges in <sup>Diplomas may be withheld.</sup> arrear of Grand Lodge dues. A duplicate Diploma can be issued only on the recommendation of applicant's Lodge, and on receipt by Grand Secretary of a Declaration made by the applicant before a Magistrate, Justice of the Peace, or British Consul, that the original is irrevocably lost or destroyed, and how it came to be so.

155. Daughter Lodges may grant Demits <sup>May grant demits.</sup> in the form prescribed and supplied by Grand Lodge. Demits shall be signed by the Master

Must be counter-  
signed by Grand  
Secretary.

and Secretary of the Lodge granting the same, and be countersigned by Grand Secretary, and shall be retained by the Lodge to which the brother affiliates.

Degrees to  
which Lodges  
are restricted.

156. All Lodges holding of Grand Lodge are strictly prohibited from practising any degrees other than those of Entered Apprentice, Fellow-Craft (including the Mark), and Master Mason, and the ceremony of Installed Master; and from giving any countenance, as a body, to any other Order of Freemasonry, or to any Lodge in Scotland which does not hold of Grand Lodge. Such Lodges as act contrary to this law shall be struck off the roll and have their Charters recalled.

On whom the  
Mark shall be  
conferred.

157. The Mark shall only be conferred on Master Masons, and the secrets shall only be communicated in presence of those who have taken the step in a Lodge entitled to grant it, but shall not be conferred upon any brother belonging to a Foreign Constitution until he has been recorded as an Affiliate in the Books of Grand Lodge. Every brother before receiving the Mark shall pay two shillings and sixpence for Registration and Diploma.

Lodges shall  
have Bye-Laws.

158. Every Lodge shall have Bye-Laws for its government, provided such are not

*[New Law passed 1st February 1912.]*

**156A.** No brother of any Lodge on the Roll of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, or whose Diploma as a Master Mason issues from Grand Lodge, shall take part in or be concerned with the working or promulgation in any manner or way of any Degree, or Rite, or Order, purporting to be Masonic, which is not authorised by Grand Lodge, or by one of the other Masonic Grand Bodies with whom Grand Lodge is in amity; and any brother acting in breach hereof, or who shall join or countenance any Body or Society, purporting to be Masonic, not sanctioned by Grand Lodge or other Masonic Grand Body in amity with it, shall be liable to suspension or expulsion either at the instance of his Lodge, or at the instance of Grand Committee.



inconsistent with the Constitution and Laws of Grand Lodge.

159. The Bye-Laws of Lodges, or alterations of or additions to them, shall in the first place be submitted to the Provincial or District Grand Lodge, and in Districts where there are no Provincial or District Grand Lodges, to Grand Lodge or Grand Committee, for approbation; and when approved and printed, a copy must be sent to Grand Lodge, and also to the Provincial or District Grand Lodge.

Bye-Laws and  
alterations of,  
or additions  
thereto, must be  
sanctioned.

160. There shall be a uniform set of books kept by Daughter Lodges, consisting of (1) a Petition Book, with index thereto; (2) a Minute Book; (3) a Roll Book; (4) an Attendance Book; (5) a Receipt Book; (6) a Cash or Treasurer's Book. Patterns of these shall be kept by Grand Secretary for inspection.

Lodge Books  
of uniform  
pattern.

161. The books of Daughter Lodges shall be periodically examined on behalf of Grand Lodge by the Provincial or District Grand Master, or by the Depute or the Substitute Provincial or District Grand Master, so as to keep Grand Lodge fully informed of the proceedings, mode of working, etc., of her Lodges, and to correct irregularities or abuses where

Periodical  
examination of  
books.

such may be found to exist. The Lodges in the Metropolitan District shall be visited and reported upon as before provided.

Constitution and  
Laws to be laid  
on the table at  
elections.

**162.** Every Lodge holding of Grand Lodge shall be bound to have a printed copy of the latest published edition of the "Constitution and Laws of the Grand Lodge of Scotland," which shall be minuted as laid upon the table at the election of Office-Bearers, and shall be open for inspection to the members of such Lodge at all reasonable times, when required. When met for the election of Office-Bearers, a Lodge shall be opened in the Third Degree.

Elections to  
take place in  
Third Degree.

Qualification  
for Affiliates  
to vote.

**163.** Affiliated members of Lodges require to have been admitted at a regular meeting at least fourteen days prior to the nomination of Office-Bearers, before they can vote at the election or be elected or appointed to office.

Annual Returns  
of unregistered  
Intrants and  
Affiliates.

**164.** Upon the day preceding the annual general election of each Lodge, the Master shall cause a list to be made up of the names and designations of all the Intrants and Affiliates in his Lodge during the preceding year, not previously recorded in Grand Lodge books, which list shall specify the respective dates of entering, passing, and raising, or affiliation, as the case may be, and shall

be certified by the Master, Secretary, and Treasurer to be correct. It shall be read prior to the election of Office-Bearers, and shall lie on the table during the sederunt for the inspection of the brethren. The Master of the Lodge shall cause to be transmitted, along with the fees, the above-mentioned list, for registration by Grand Secretary in the books of Grand Lodge, on or before the 31st December of each year.

165. The returns of Intrants and Affiliates made by Daughter Lodges shall contain the name, occupation, and age of each Intrans, with the date on which each degree was conferred, and shall specify the amount of fee charged for initiation. In the case of Affiliates, the date of admission, the name and number of Mother Lodge, and date of diploma shall be given. If the names of such have not been previously registered in the Books of Grand Lodge, the full fee for Registration and Diploma must accompany the return.

166. Lodges which have not made their returns up to the 15th January following, shall be communicated with on the subject by Grand Secretary; and if, at the 31st day of said month, the returns have not been forthcoming, it shall be in the power of Grand

Penalty for  
neglecting to  
make annual  
returns.

Committee to suspend said Lodges, unless a reason satisfactory to the Committee is produced.

**Penalty for  
fraudulent  
returns.**

167. Any Lodge found guilty of omitting to make returns, or of making incomplete or fraudulent returns of Intrants and Affiliates, to Grand Lodge, shall be liable to have its Charter recalled and cancelled; to suspension from Masonic privileges; or such other punishment as Grand Lodge may be pleased to inflict.

**Penalty of  
neglecting to  
make returns.**

168. Lodges one year in arrear, either of returns of Intrants or Affiliates, of annual certificates, or other dues, shall be deprived of the privilege of being represented in Grand Lodge, until these arrears are paid up.

**Lodges declared  
dormant after  
being five years  
in arrear.**

169. Any Lodge five years in arrear of Grand Lodge dues, shall be considered dormant, and shall be struck off the roll, but may be reopened upon such terms and conditions as Grand Lodge shall appoint.

**Qualification  
for election  
to office.**

170. Any Master Mason in good standing, may be nominated for and elected to the Mastership or any other office in a Lodge. No brother shall be a Master of more than one Lodge at the same time, without a Dispensation from Grand Lodge or Grand Committee, or, if

**Must not be  
Master of more  
than one Lodge  
at same time.**

in a Foreign or Colonial District, from the District Grand Master. No brother can hold two offices in the same Lodge, and no brother (with the exception of the Tyler) can be an Office-Bearer in two Lodges in the same Province or District at the same time.

Cannot fill two  
offices in same  
Lodge at same  
time; nor office  
in two Lodges  
in same  
Province.

171. All Daughter Lodges shall have a fixed day annually for the installation of Office-Bearers. The installation of the Office-Bearers of a Lodge, including the Master, shall be held in a just and perfect Lodge opened in the Apprentice Degree, where at least three Master Masons, two Fellow-Crafts, and two Apprentices must be present, or failing Craftsmen and Apprentices, the same number of Master Masons, who for the time being shall be held to be of the inferior degrees

Installation of  
Office-Bearers  
on a fixed day  
annually.

Installations to  
take place in  
First Degree.

172. Masters of Lodges shall be styled "Right Worshipful."

Title of Masters  
of Lodges.

173. In the absence of the Master, the immediate Past Master or any other Installed Past Master of the Lodge shall officiate in his stead.

Filling the Chair  
in absence.

174. The Secretary of each Daughter Lodge shall within one month after the Lodge's annual election, transmit to Grand Secretary

Annual return  
of Office  
Bearers.

the names and addresses of the elected Master and Wardens, otherwise they shall not be permitted to attend and vote at meetings of Grand Lodge in their official capacities; also, the names and addresses of the elected Secretary and Treasurer.

Lodge  
Office-Bearers  
superseding  
proxies.

175. Daughter Lodges which have appointed Proxies shall not be entitled to be represented in Grand Lodge by their Masters and Wardens until the Proxy Commission be recalled on the day of annual election of Office-Bearers of the Lodge from which the commission emanates.

Every Lodge  
must levy an  
annual contribu-  
tion.

176. Every Lodge shall be bound to levy an annual contribution from its members (Apprentices and Fellow-Crafts excepted, as having neither voice nor vote), and from each con-

Proportion to be  
paid into  
Benevolent  
Fund.

tribution so levied a sum of not less than one shilling shall be paid into the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge, to be administered as it may determine. The remainder shall be paid into the Ordinary Fund of the Lodge. Where Lodges have a fixed commutation fee, clear members may commute their annual contributions by a single payment, the amount of which shall be determined by the Lodge. At least one-half of this sum shall be paid into the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge.

Commutation  
of annual  
contribution.

177. Any brother in arrear of the annual contribution so levied, shall not be eligible as an Office-Bearer, nor be entitled to intromit with, or have any vote in the disbursement of, any of the Lodge funds, nor be permitted to speak or vote on any matter brought before the Lodge. Arrears shall in no case be chargeable for more than three years, and it shall not be competent to abate arrears, provided always that non-payment of his annual contribution shall not deprive any brother of the Masonic privilege of attending all meetings of the Lodge.

Arrears of  
annual contribu-  
tion à disquali-  
fication to vote  
or hold office

Arrears not  
chargeable for  
more than three  
years.

178. Lodges having benefit societies connected therewith, are instructed to make such alterations upon their Bye-Laws and practice as may be necessary to admit every duly constituted member of the Lodge, not lying under any Masonic disability, to vote or to be eligible for office at the election of Office-Bearers. Grand Lodge commands all Lodges having benefit societies to keep the funds of the Lodge perfectly separate and distinct from those of the society.

Benefit Societies  
in connection  
with Lodges.

179. Applications for contributions to aid the funds of Daughter Lodges can only be issued under the sanction of Grand Committee.

Applications for  
contributions—  
sanction neces-  
sary.

**Age of candidate.**

180. Every candidate shall be at least twenty-one years of age before being entered an Apprentice, with the exception of sons of Freemasons under the Scottish Constitution, who may be entered at eighteen years of age and upwards.

**Qualifications for initiation or affiliation.**

181. No candidate for initiation into Freemasonry, or affiliation to a Lodge, shall be admitted a member thereof until he produces an application stating his name, age, profession, residence, and a declaration that he has never been refused by any other Lodge, or if so, when and where. Such application shall be subscribed by two Master Masons of the Lodge, in good standing, the character and qualifications of the applicant fully inquired into, and his fees paid, when, if the brethren express themselves satisfied, by ballot in open Lodge, he may be admitted. Three black balls shall exclude a "candidate. Lodges in the Colonies and in Foreign parts may enact that two black balls shall exclude. None but Master Masons of the Lodge, in good standing, shall be entitled to vote.

**The ballot.**

**Candidates bound to Grand Lodge.**

182. At the time of initiation each candidate shall be taken bound in due obedience to Grand Lodge, as well as to his Mother Lodge.

[*New Law passed 3rd August 1916.*]

**181.** No candidate for initiation into Freemasonry, or affiliation to a Lodge, shall be admitted a member thereof until he produces an application, stating his name, age, profession, and residence; and a declaration that he has never been refused by any other Lodge, or if so, when and by what Lodge or Lodges; which application shall be subscribed by two Master Masons of the Lodge, in good standing, to whom the applicant is well known. The character and qualifications of the applicant shall then be fully enquired into by a Committee of Enquiry, consisting of the Right Worshipful Master, the Immediate Past Master, the Secretary, and not less than two other members of the Lodge, who must be Master Masons in good standing, to be appointed annually by every Lodge at its Election Meeting, which Committee shall report to the Lodge at the Meeting at which the application is to be considered. No application shall be considered by the Lodge until the Committee of Enquiry has reported.

The name, profession, and residence of each candidate, with the names of the Master Masons recommending him, shall appear on a notice which must be delivered or posted to every member of the Lodge, in good standing, at least five days prior to the Meeting at which the application is to be read and considered; provided that any Lodge which does not issue notices for every Meeting may, instead, have the application read at one Meeting, and considered at the next regular Meeting held not earlier than seven days thereafter. After the application has been read, and, along with the report of the Committee thereon, duly considered, the candidate may, if the brethren express themselves satisfied by ballot in open Lodge, be admitted upon payment of the fees.

Three black balls shall exclude a candidate. Lodges in the Colonies and in foreign parts may enact that two black balls may exclude. None but Master Masons of the Lodge, in good standing, shall be entitled to vote.

*[Alteration on Law 183, passed 6th November 1919.]*

For the words “three pounds, three shillings,” substitute the words “five pounds, five shillings.”

**183.** No candidate shall be admitted as a member of a Lodge for a smaller fee than three pounds three shillings, which shall entitle him to receive the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow-Craft (including the Mark), and Master Mason (including Registration and Diploma). The whole fees due for the degrees (including Registration and Diploma), shall be paid at initiation, and the payment of no part thereof shall on any pretence be remitted or deferred.

**184.** Before the issue of Installed Master's Diploma and the attainment of the rank of Past Master, the recipient must have filled the Chair of a Lodge for one year as Master, as certified by the Secretary of his Lodge. Also, there must be delivered to Grand Secretary before the issue of said Diploma, a certificate signed by three recorded Installed Masters, that the brother named therein has passed through the ceremonial.

Installed  
Master.  
Qualification  
for Past  
Master's rank.

**185.** Grand Lodge interdicts and prohibits any gratuitous initiation into the Craft, or gratuitous affiliation into Lodges.

Gratuitous  
initiation or  
affiliation  
prohibited.

**186.** In order to give the utmost security to intrants in Daughter Lodges that their names are duly enrolled in the books of Grand Lodge, the Grand Treasurer's receipts for enrolment or

Grand Lodge  
receipts to  
bear names of  
intrants.

registration shall bear the names of the intrants therein paid for.

Lodges not to  
grant diplomas  
for degrees.

187. Subordinate Lodges shall in no case issue diplomas for degrees.

Dues to Grand  
Lodge on  
initiation or  
affiliation.

188. Each brother at his initiation or affiliation (unless already registered) shall pay, along with the entry-money to his Lodge, the sum of eleven shillings and sixpence towards the funds of Grand Lodge for recording his name in the books thereof, and for a Grand Lodge Diploma when he shall have become a Master Mason, which dues the Treasurer of the Lodge initiating or affiliating shall, within one month thereafter, remit to Grand Lodge, together with the full names and designations of the Intrants and Affiliates. Grand Lodge shall accept of two shillings and sixpence for recording the members of Lodge Mother Kilwinning entered by her prior to 3rd May 1869, but the said Lodge shall now pay the sum of ten shillings and sixpence for recording each initiate and for diploma. Master Masons in good standing petitioning for a Charter, shall be supplied with a Chartered Member's Diploma, for which they shall pay to Grand Lodge a fee of five shillings, and if from another Constitution, six shillings and sixpence additional for registration.

To be paid  
within one  
month.

Fee for  
Chartered Mem-  
ber's diploma.

"That the contribution from Daughter Lodges to Grand Lodge for each Intransit, and for each Affiliate from another Constitution, be increased by three shillings and sixpence, and that the following alterations be made on the Laws affected :—

"**Law 188, line 4.**—For eleven shillings and sixpence substitute fifteen shillings.

"**Law 188, lines 16 and 17.**—For ten shillings and sixpence substitute fourteen shillings.

"**Law 188, line 23.**—For six shillings and sixpence substitute ten shillings."

"**188A.** In addition to the dues payable to Grand Lodge on Initiation, or on Affiliation of a brother not already registered in the books of Grand Lodge, there shall be paid to Grand Lodge after 30th November 1917, by every Daughter Lodge in Scotland, a sum at the rate of 1s. per £ (or per £1, 1s.) of the fees for admission paid to every Lodge by its Initiates and Affiliates (whether already registered or not), and that sum shall be remitted by the Treasurer of the Lodge to Grand Lodge along with the dues payable in terms of Law 188."

*[New Law passed 6th November 1919.]*

**190A.** No Lodge shall initiate more than seven candidates on the same day, and no Lodge shall pass to the Second Degree, or raise to the Third Degree more than seven brethren in either of said Degrees on any one day.

180. No brother whose name has not been registered in the Books of Grand Lodge shall be eligible to be a member thereof, or of any Provincial or District Grand Lodge, or to be a member or Office-Bearer in any Daughter Lodge. Neither shall he have any claim on the Fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence, or on the Annuity Fund; but should a Lodge omit to register the name and pay the Grand Lodge dues of any one of its members, the said member, on producing evidence of his having paid his fees in full to the Lodge, shall enjoy all the privileges of membership thereof.

190. No brother shall be passed Fellow-Craft, or raised to the degree of Master Mason, at a shorter interval than two weeks between each degree. Grand Committee may confer on District Grand Masters, and on Masters of Lodges in the Colonies and Foreign parts where there is no District Grand Master, a power of dispensation in case of emergency, for Exceptions. a brother to be advanced to a higher degree, at an interval of not less than one week instead of two weeks, and such dispensation shall remain in force during the pleasure of Grand Committee.

191. A brother about to be passed or raised must, previous to the ceremonial, if not already Affiliation of Apprentices and Fellow-Crafts.

**Exceptions.**

a member of the Lodge officiating, be affiliated as a member in the degree preceding that to be conferred. But it shall be competent for a Lodge under the Scottish Constitution, as a favour, without affiliation, and always in conformity with Rule 190, to pass or raise a member of a Scottish-holding Lodge, at the request of the Master and Wardens thereof; and this shall have the same effect as if the said member had been passed or raised in the Lodge requesting the favour. No brother shall be affiliated to a Lodge until he has produced satisfactory evidence that he is clear of all dues with his Mother Lodge, or with any Lodge to which he has been affiliated, and that he is otherwise in good Masonic standing.

Affiliates must produce evi-  
dence of good  
standing.

Mode of suspen-  
tion or expul-  
sion.

192. Every Lodge shall be entitled to suspend or expel an offending brother by the votes of a majority of members, either at a special meeting called for that purpose or at a regular meeting of the Lodge; but a complaint shall be served on the offending brother, specifying the offence of which he is accused, which he shall be entitled to answer, and on the answer being lodged, intimation must be given in the summonses sent by the Secretary, that the complaint and answers and the disposal thereof are to be brought before the Lodge. The offending brother must always receive

*[Alteration on Law 191, passed 2nd August 1917.]*

Omit the words from "But it shall be competent" down to the words "requesting the favour," and substitute the following in their place :---

"But, subject to such regulations as may from time to time be made by Grand Committee, it shall be competent for any Lodge, as a favour, without affiliation, and always in conformity with Law 190, to pass or raise a member of a Lodge on the Roll of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, or on the Roll of any other Grand Lodge which, by arrangement with the Grand Lodge of Scotland, extends a reciprocal privilege to members of Lodges under the Scottish Constitution."



intimation of the same at least two weeks previous to the consideration of his case; and after it has been disposed of, the sentence pronounced shall be intimated to the said brother, who shall then be apprised that it shall be final unless appealed against to the Provincial or District Grand Lodge, or to Grand Lodge, within one month thereafter.

193. No sentence of suspension or expulsion shall be acted on or published until it becomes final; but reserving to Lodges in the interval power to exclude from their meetings suspended or expelled members, should this be required for the peace and harmony of the Lodges.

Interim exclusion.

194. In all cases notices of expulsion or suspension shall be forwarded to Grand Secretary, and to Provincial and District Grand Secretaries, on the same becoming final.

Notices of  
expulsion, etc.,  
to be sent to  
Grand Lodge.

195. Any brother thinking himself aggrieved by the sentence of a Lodge may, within one month after said sentence has been pronounced, bring the whole matter under the review of the Provincial or District Grand Lodge, with power of appeal to Grand Lodge, by petition and memorial, as hereinbefore regulated. In a district where there is no Provincial or District

Right of appeal.

Grand Lodge, the appeal shall be direct to Grand Lodge.

Neglect to appeal.

196. Should any brother be suspended or expelled from any Lodge, without appealing against such sentence within one month thereafter, he shall be deemed to have lost his Masonic privileges, and shall not be permitted to appear either in Grand Lodge, or in any Provincial or District Grand Lodge, nor in any Daughter Lodge, until such judgment has been recalled.

Emblems of the Craft not to be used for trade purposes.

197. Members of the Craft are strictly forbidden to use any of the emblems of Freemasonry on a sign or in connection with any business advertisement, unless such advertisement be for strictly Masonic purposes.

Penalties for disobedience to instructions of Grand Lodge.

198. All Lodges and all members of Lodges, acting in a disrespectful manner to Grand Lodge, particularly in disobeying the positive instructions or the Laws of that body, shall be deemed guilty of a high misdemeanour, and be liable, in the case of Lodges, to forfeiture of their Charters, and in that of individuals, to suspension or expulsion, as Grand Lodge shall adjudge. No brother of a suspended Lodge shall be eligible as a member of Grand Lodge without previously expressing his disapprobation of the conduct which led to suspension.

Disqualification of members of suspended Lodges.

**"Law 199, line 7.—For one shilling substitute four shillings and sixpence."**

**199.** This fund shall be used for the purposes of benevolence, and shall not be appropriated to any other use. It shall be raised by means of Annual Contributions, <sup>How raised.</sup> payable on or before 31st January of each year, from the Office-Bearers and Members of Grand Lodge, one shilling from the registration fee paid for each intrant, and by such voluntary donations as may from time to time be made, and shall be kept separate from the ordinary income of Grand Lodge. No part of the ordinary income shall be applied to benevolent purposes, unless by special vote, after notice given at the previous Quarterly Communication.

**200.** Grand Lodge earnestly recommends Provincial and District Grand Lodges and Daughter Lodges to contribute annually to the Fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence—<sup>Subordinate Lodges recommended to contribute.</sup> as a central fund for carrying out the benevolent objects and principles of Freemasonry—such sums as they think fit, either from the funds of their Lodge, or by subscription among the brethren.

By whom  
distributed.

201. The fund shall be applied and distributed by a Committee, consisting of the Office-Bearers of Grand Lodge, Provincial and District Grand Masters, Past Provincial and District Grand Masters, Proxy District Grand Masters, the Members of Grand Committee, the Grand Stewards, the Masters and Proxy Masters on the Roll of Grand Lodge, five to be a quorum. The Committee shall meet on the second last Thursday of every month; but when it sees fit, it may dispense with or alter the day of any of the statutory meetings.

Quorum.

Meetings.

Disqualification  
to sit on Board.

202. No member of Committee being in arrear of his contribution to Grand Lodge, or to the Fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence, or whose Lodge is any way in arrear, shall be allowed to attend such meetings.

Applications to  
be made through  
a Lodge.

203. All applications for benevolence shall be made through, and considered by, the Lodge from which the petitioner derives right. Grand Secretary shall supply forms of petition through the Lodge only, except in cases where a Lodge may have become dormant, in which case the application may be forwarded through the Master of any adjoining Lodge.

Qualifications of  
applicants.

204. No petition shall be considered from any brother whose name is not registered in

Grand Lodge Books, nor from the parent, widow, or child of such brother. Neither shall any brother have a claim to be relieved unless his name has been at least two years registered in the books of Grand Lodge. Should the neglect to register be the fault of the Lodge, the applicant's petition may be considered, if in other respects in form, and the Committee shall report the same to Grand Lodge or Grand Committee, in order that the books of the Lodge failing to register may be immediately thereafter called for and produced to Grand Lodge or Grand Committee for examination, and measures taken to prevent future irregularities in making returns of Intrants and Affiliates. The limitation of two years shall not apply to cases of shipwreck, capture at sea, loss by fire, or breaking or dislocating a limb, fully attested and proved.

205. All petitions must be lodged with Time of lodging petitions. Grand Secretary at least seven days previous to the monthly meeting of the Committee. Grand Secretary shall examine each petition, and upon finding that the applicant (or in the event of the petition being from a parent, widow, or child), the son, husband, or father, has been recorded in the Books of Grand Lodge, he shall certify the same to the Committee, which shall thereupon decide on the

application ; or should it think fit, appoint a Sub-Committee specially to investigate into the case of any applicant, and report to the Committee.

**Procedure.**

206. Grand Secretary shall attend the meetings of Committee, and enter in a book the number of each petition, and name of applicant, together with the sum granted by the Committee. The Chairman shall sign or initial, upon each application, the deliverance of the Committee. The Chairman of Finance Committee shall sign the bank cheque for the sums granted, to be counter-signed by Grand Treasurer, who shall account for his intromissions at every meeting of Committee.

**Assistance to  
members, etc.,  
of other con-  
stitutions.**

207. The Committee may, in cases of extraordinary distress, afford relief to brethren, or their widows, or children, under the Constitutions of other Grand Lodges, on the production of valid certificates from their respective Lodges, or other evidence to the satisfaction of the Committee, and on satisfactory proof of the identity and distress of the applicants. On presentation of petitions by widows, their marriage certificate or satisfactory evidence of marriage shall be required.

**Widows to pro-  
duce marriage  
certificate.**

**Urgent cases.**

208. In cases of peculiar urgency it shall be competent for Grand Secretary to call a

special meeting of the Committee to consider and dispose of such cases, without waiting for the usual monthly meeting; and further, it shall be competent for Grand Secretary to ~~Casual relief~~ authorise Grand Treasurer to give such poor brethren as may appear proper objects of relief, any sum not exceeding ten shillings, if the exigency of their circumstances should not admit of the delay necessary to lay their cases before the Benevolent Fund Committee. Such sums shall be regularly entered in a book kept for the purpose, together with the name of the individual relieved, and the Lodge he belongs to, and shall be initialled by the individual upon receipt of the sum given. Grand Treasurer shall be entitled to hold in his hands a sum not exceeding five pounds for that purpose.

209. No relief shall be granted to any petitioner unless those recommending the petition be present to give all necessary information to the Committee as to the circumstances of the case; or shall have forwarded the information in writing, or shall furnish the same through a member of Committee.

Parties recommending petitions to be present.

210. The Committee shall not allow applicants to become pensioners on the fund; and repeated applications from the same parties are to be discouraged.

Repeated applications discouraged.

Funds to be  
lodged in bank.

211. The moneys received shall, from time to time, be paid into bank, to an account kept in name of the Fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence.

Sinking Fund.

212. Ten per cent. of the moneys received shall be annually set apart to form a sinking fund, and the yearly interest shall be applicable to purposes of benevolence, in addition to the annual revenue.

Limitation of  
expenditure.

213. The sums to be distributed in each year by the Committee shall not exceed the receipts for that year, including interest on capital, but under deduction of the ten per cent. to be set apart as a sinking fund. The amount unappropriated on each year's contributions (including the ten per cent. before-mentioned) shall be regularly capitalised on the last Thursday of November annually.

#### THE ANNUITY FUND.

Annuity Fund.

214. The name of the fund shall be "The Annuity Fund."

By whom  
managed.

215. The fund shall be under the management of the Annuity Board, which shall consist

of the members of Grand Committee, and shall be supervised by Finance Committee. Five members shall form a quorum of the Quorum Board.

216. Grand Secretary shall be Secretary to the Board, and shall keep a register of the applications, with the particulars thereof, record the result of the same, and generally conduct all correspondence. Grand Treasurer shall be Treasurer to the Board, and shall keep account of all sums received and disbursed in connection with the fund. He shall keep the funds in a special bank account, in which he shall deposit all moneys received, within two days after its receipt. He shall also report to the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, in May and November, the number and amount of annuities granted at the preceding meeting of the Board.

217. The Board shall meet in April and October of each year for the election of annuitants, and at such other times as may be necessary for managing the fund. The income which has arisen during the year ending in November preceding, with any surplus of previous years, shall, subject to previous claims, form the fund for disposal at these meetings.

The Secretary shall send to each Lodge in Notice of amount offunda

Scotland, and to every Proxy Master on the Roll of Grand Lodge, at least six weeks prior to the meetings in April and October, intimation of the probable amount of money which will then be for disposal. He shall also send to the members of the Board a similar intimation, with a list of the applicants, setting forth their designations and places of residence, and the grounds on which their applications are based, at least two, and not more than three, weeks prior to the meeting at which the applications are to be considered. No application shall be considered which has not been lodged with the Secretary at least three weeks prior to the meeting.

**List of  
applicants.**

**Accounts.**

218. The accounts of the income and expenditure of the fund shall be kept separate from the other funds of Grand Lodge, and balanced and published simultaneously therewith.

**Funds—how  
raised.**

219. The fund shall consist of donations from Lodges and individual brethren, of one-half of the annual free income of Grand Lodge, of any other sums that Grand Lodge may see proper to grant, and of the proceeds of the annual collection made on St John's Day—27th December—or on such other occasion as the annual election and installation of Office-

[*New Law passed 1st November 1917.*]

“**220A.** The sums received in terms of Law 188A shall be apportioned equally between a Capital Account and an Income Account of the Annuity Fund to be called ‘The Orphan Fund,’ and shall be credited by Grand Treasurer in equal shares to the Capital and Income Accounts of said ‘Orphan Fund.’ The portion carried to the Income Account of ‘The Orphan Fund’ shall, under deduction of the expenses incidental to the management, be available for distribution in Annuities to children of deceased brethren registered in the books of Grand Lodge. The portion carried to the Capital Account of said Fund shall from time to time be invested, either separately or along with the other Capital of the Annuity Fund, in the names of the same Trustees, and the interest or income thereof shall be carried to the Income Account of ‘The Orphan Fund.’”

[*New Law passed 1st November 1917.*]

“**220B.** If at any time there shall be at the credit of the Income Account of the Annuity Fund or of ‘The Orphan Fund’ an accumulated balance of unapplied Income not required for payment of Annuities, such balance, or so much of it as the Board may think proper, may be carried to the Capital Account of said Annuity Fund or of ‘The Orphan Fund,’ as the case may be, and shall become, and be thereafter treated as, Capital of said respective Funds.”

*[As amended by Grand Lodge, 6th May 1920.]*

“ 221. The Board shall have power to grant 30 annuities of £25, 20 annuities of £35, and 10 annuities of £40 each in cases which are considered deserving of special treatment; but it shall not be competent to have more than these respective numbers of such special grants current at the same time. All other annuities shall be of £15 each, unless in cases where, owing to special circumstances, the Board shall consider a smaller grant advisable. The Board shall have power to appoint annuities to be paid by instalments, and also, if deemed expedient, to fix in what way they are to be applied for the benefit of the annuitants.”

Bearers, when, after a statement by the Master, the collection shall be taken, and the amount thereof remitted forthwith to Grand Lodge.

A list of Lodges and their contributions shall be published in the proceedings of Grand Lodge in the month of May of each year. The donations and one half of all sums received from Grand Lodge shall be reserved as capital, and invested in the names of the Trustees of the Fund of Masonic Benevolence, or of such other Trustees as Grand Lodge may from time to time direct.

List of contributions to be published Capital. How invested.

220. The other half of the sums which have been received from Grand Lodge, and the income which has arisen from the capital during the preceding year, under deduction of the expenses incidental to the management, shall, so far as may be required, be distributed in annuities. Any surplus remaining shall be carried forward for disposal in subsequent years; but it shall not be competent to make grants in anticipation of income.

Distribution of funds.

221. The Board shall have power to grant twenty annuities of £15, ten of £20, and five of £25 each, in cases which are considered deserving of special treatment; but it shall not be competent to have more than these respective numbers of such special grants, current at

Number and value of annuities.

Annuities may  
be paid by  
instalments.

the same time. All other annuities shall be of £10 each. The Board shall have power to appoint annuities to be paid by instalments, and also, if deemed expedient, to fix in what way they are to be applied for the benefit of the annuitants.

Qualification of  
applicants.

222. Every Master Mason registered in the Books of Grand Lodge, and every parent, widow, or child of a Master Mason so registered, shall be qualified to be placed on the roll of annuitants; but it shall not be competent to have on the roll at the same time more than one annuity in favour of parties deriving right from the same brother.

Withdrawal of  
annuity.

223. Any annuity may be withdrawn at the pleasure of the Board.

Form of  
application.

224. Every application for an annuity shall be on a form approved by the Board, and must, along with any relative recommendations, be forwarded to the Secretary by the Lodge of which the brother applying is a member, or, in the case of a parent, widow, or children, of the Lodge of which the brother in respect of whom they apply, was a member, or, where such Lodge is dormant, any adjoining Lodge.

[*Addition to Law 221, passed 1st May 1913.*]

“Add after ‘each’ on line eight ‘unless, in cases where owing to special circumstances, the Board shall consider a smaller grant advisable.’”

[*New Law passed 1st November 1917.*]

“**221A.** In addition to the powers conferred on the Annuity Board by Law 221, the Board shall have power to grant out of the Income Account of ‘The Orphan Fund’ Annuities for the maintenance of a child, or children, of deceased brethren registered as above, of amounts not exceeding £20 where there is only one child, and where there are two or more children in one family, of amounts not exceeding £15 for each child; and if, in their opinion, the circumstances of any applicant merit special treatment, the Board shall have power to grant an annuity of £25 or an annuity of £30, but the number of such £25 annuities payable at any one time shall not exceed twenty, and the number of £30 annuities payable at any one time shall not exceed ten. All the annuities permitted by this Law shall only be available for children of deceased brethren who are under sixteen years of age; but the Board shall not be precluded from allocating to children of any age any of the Annuities already allowed by Law 221.”

[*New Law passed 1st November 1917.*]

“224A. Every Provincial or District Grand Lodge, and the Visitation of Metropolitan Lodges Committee, shall undertake the supervision of all recipients of annuities residing within their province or district, and it shall be their duty to make arrangements for the visitation of such annuitants by such visitor or visitors as they may choose (not necessarily members of Provincial or District Grand Lodge or of the Visitation Committee) at least once every half-year in the case of children, and once every year in the case of adults. Such visitation shall be for the purpose of ascertaining whether, in the opinion of the visitors, the grants are being well and usefully applied, that the recipients continue to be deserving, and, in the case of children, whether they are comfortably provided for and suitably educated and maintained. It is recommended that the visitors to be appointed, as far as possible, should not be members of the Lodge on whose recommendation the annuity has been granted. Provincial or District Grand Lodges, or the Visitation Committee, as the case may be, shall submit, on or before 1st March annually to the Annuity Board, special reports based on the reports received by them from such visitors, or on such special enquiries as they in their discretion may from time to time think proper to make, regarding all recipients of annuities residing within their Province or district, and specially upon the circumstances and progress of children.”

**225.** The Board, with approval of Grand Lodge, may alter any of these Rules or add thereto for the more efficient management of the fund.

**"Law 226, line 5.**—For six shillings and sixpence substitute ten shillings."

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<b>Charter for a new Lodge . . . . .</b>	<b>£ 10 10 0</b>	
<b>Duplicate Charter . . . . .</b>	<b>2 2 0</b>	
<b>Annual Certificate to Lodges . . . . .</b>	<b>0 5 0</b>	
<b>Chartered Member's Diploma . . . . .</b>	<b>0 5 0</b>	
<b>Registration of each Intrantrant . . . . .</b>	<b>0 6 6</b>	
<b>Diploma . . . . .</b>	<b>0 5 0</b>	
<b>Duplicate Diploma . . . . .</b>	<b>0 5 0</b>	
<b>Amended Diploma . . . . .</b>	<b>0 2 6</b>	
<b>Registration of and Diploma to Mark Master</b> o 2 6		
<b>Registration of and Diploma to Installed Master . . . . .</b>	<b>0 2 6</b>	
<b>Commission to Provincial or District Grand Master . . . . .</b>	<b>10 10 0</b>	
<b>Renewal of Commission to Provincial or District Grand Master . . . . .</b>	<b>2 2 0</b>	
<b>Recording Commission to Proxy Master . . . . .</b>	<b>0 2 6</b>	
<b>Recording Nomination of each Proxy Warden . . . . .</b>	<b>0 1 0</b>	
<b>Test of Membership, each Member of Grand Lodge . . . . .</b>	<b>0 5 0</b>	
<b>Each Grand Steward . . . . .</b>	<b>0 5 0</b>	
<b>Certificates for Past Grand Office-Bearers, etc. (see Note) . . . . .</b>	<b>0 5 0</b>	
<b>NOTE.—Past Grand Office-Bearers, Past Provincial or District Grand Office-Bearers, Members of Grand</b>		

Committee, and Grand Stewards, on payment of a fee of five shillings to Grand Lodge, shall be entitled to receive from Grand Secretary a certificate of their having held their respective offices or appointments.

**Papers in Process :—**

Lodging petition, answers, appeals, or other pleadings, each . . . . .	£	0	5	0
Extracts or copies of papers, first sheet . . . . .	0	2	6	
Every other sheet . . . . .	0	1	6	
Each borrowing of process or productions . . . . .	0	1	0	
Each return of process or productions . . . . .	0	1	0	

Fees to  
Benevolent  
Fund.

**227.** Every brother holding the following offices shall pay annually to the Fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence :—

Grand Master . . . . .	£	10	10	0
Past Grand Master . . . . .	•	5	5	0
Grand Master Depute . . . . .	•	5	5	0
Substitute Grand Master . . . . .	•	5	5	0
Senior Grand Warden . . . . .	•	3	3	0
Junior Grand Warden . . . . .	•	3	3	0
Provincial or District Grand Master . . . . .	•	3	3	0
Past Provincial or District Grand Master . . . . .	•	2	2	0
Proxy District Grand Master . . . . .	•	3	3	0
Senior Grand Chaplain . . . . .	•	1	1	0
Junior Grand Chaplain . . . . .	•	1	1	0
Senior Grand Deacon . . . . .	•	2	2	0
Junior Grand Deacon . . . . .	•	2	2	0
Grand Architect . . . . .	•	1	1	0
Grand Jeweller . . . . .	•	1	1	0
Grand Bible-Bearer . . . . .	•	1	1	0
Grand Director of Ceremonies . . . . .	•	1	1	0
Grand Bard . . . . .	•	1	1	0
Grand Sword-Bearer . . . . .	•	1	1	0

Grand Director of Music . . . . .	£	1	0
Grand Marshal : . . . . .	£	1	0
Grand Inner Guard . . . . .	£	1	0
President of the Board of Grand Stewards	£	0	10
Vice-President of the Board of Grand Stewards . . . . .	£	0	10
Each Grand Steward . . . . .	£	0	7
,, Master and Proxy Master.	£	0	5
,, Warden and Proxy Warden . . . . .	£	0	2
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**NOTE.**—Grand Office-Bearers, Provincial and District Grand Fees of Honour Masters, Past Provincial and District Grand Masters, Proxy District Grand Masters and Grand Stewards shall pay the fees of honour specified in Rules No. 226 and 227, in addition to the ordinary fees for qualification as Members of Grand Lodge.

### REGALIA, CLOTHING, INSIGNIA, AND JEWELS.

**228.** Grand Lodge recognises as full Masonic costume black clothing with white tie and white gloves; but at Quarterly Communications of Grand Lodge, at meetings of Provincial and District Grand Lodges, and Daughter Lodges, brethren may wear dark clothes and black ties.

**229.** No clothing nor insignia purporting to be Masonic shall be worn in Grand Lodge, or in any Subordinate Lodge, except that

Prohibited clothing and insignia.

appertaining to Craft Masonry, which alone is recognised and acknowledged.

Masonic jewels  
proper.

230. The compasses, square, level, and plumb rule, are the Masonic jewels proper. The others are honorary jewels.

Jewels of Grand  
Office-Bearers.

231. The jewels of Grand Office-Bearers are of gold, and may be described as follows:—

#### *The Grand Master Mason.*

Pendant from the upper band of collar, a star set with brilliants, having in the centre a field azure charged with St Andrew on the Cross, gold; from the lower band, the jewel proper — the compasses extended, with the square, and segment of a circle of 90°, the points of the compasses resting on the segment, and in the centre, the sun, between the compasses and square.

#### *Past Grand Master.*

A similar but smaller jewel without the sun between the compasses and square.

#### *Grand Master Depute.*

The compasses and square united, pendant from a small brilliant star.

*Substitute Grand Master.*

Pendant from a star, a square. In the angle the All-seeing eye. On each blade of the square an Ionic column.

<i>Senior Grand Warden</i> . . .	{ Pendant from a star, a level surmounted by a Doric column, above which is an irradiated sun declining to the west.
<i>Junior Grand Warden</i> . . .	{ Pendant from a star, a plumb-rule charged with a Corinthian column, above which is the sun, in his meridian glory.
<i>Grand Secretary</i> .	Key and pen crossed.
<i>Grand Treasurer</i>	A chased key.
<i>Grand Chaplains</i>	On a triangle, an irradiated eye.
<i>Senior Grand Deacon</i> . . .	{ A mallet suspended within an olive wreath.
<i>Junior Grand Deacon</i> . . .	{ A trowel suspended within an olive wreath.
<i>Grand Architect</i>	{ A Corinthian column standing on a segment of a circle of 90°.
<i>Grand Jeweller</i>	{ A goldsmith's hammer suspended within a wreath.
<i>Grand Bible-Bearer</i> . . .	{ A Bible encircled with branches of acacia and palm.
<i>Grand Director of Ceremonies</i>	{ Crossed batons with tie, on a wreath of oak and thistles.
<i>Grand Bard</i>	{ A lyre between compasses and square.
<i>Grand Sword-Bearer</i> . . .	{ Crossed swords.
<i>Grand Director of Music</i>	{ Crossed trumpets, on a wreath.
<i>Members of Grand Committee</i>	{ An irradiated St Andrew's Cross charged with the figure of St Andrew on a field enamelled azure.
<i>Grand Organist</i>	{ A Grecian lyre within a wreath of myrtle.

<i>Grand Marshal</i>	Baton and sword crossed, with tie.
<i>Grand Inner Guard</i>	{ Crossed swords.
<i>Grand Tyler</i>	Sword.
<i>President of Board of Grand Stewards</i>	{ Cornucopia and cup crossed, within a wreath of vine leaves and wheat ears, crossed behind by Grand Master's rod, on the head of which are engraved the letters G.:M.:A.:
<i>Vice-President of Grand Stewards</i>	{ Cornucopia and cup within a wreath of vine leaves and wheat ears.
<i>Grand Stewards</i>	{ Cornucopia crossed behind by two Steward's rods. On ribbon, St Andrew with Cross.

*Jewels of Provincial or District Grand Office-Bearers.*

### 232. The jewels of Provincial or District Grand Office-Bearers:—

#### *Provincial or District Grand Master.*

Compasses, square and segment, with five-pointed star in centre.

#### *Provincial or District Grand Master Depute.*

Compasses and square.

*All other Office-Bearers of Provincial or District Grand Lodges* . . { Of the same description as those worn by the Office-Bearers of Grand Lodge.

*Jewels of Past Grand Office-Bearers, and Past Provincial Grand Office-Bearers.*

### 233. Past Grand Office - Bearers and Past Provincial or District Grand Office - Bearers may wear the jewel of the offices which they held, encircled by a laurel wreath.

234. The collar of the Grand Master is of gold and enamel. • It consists of an upper and lower band. Each of these is made up of the Royal Arms of Scotland, with supporters and thistles alternately. From the upper band depends the jewel of St Andrew, and from the lower, the jewel of the Grand Master.

235. The collars, from which the jewels of the other Grand Office-Bearers and Provincial and District Grand Office - Bearers are suspended, are of thistle green ribbon.

236. The Office - Bearers of Grand Lodge, Members of Grand Committee, and Grand Stewards shall wear, over the right shoulder and under the left arm, cordons or sashes of thistle green ribbon not exceeding four inches broad, on which is embroidered in colours, within a circle the figure of St Andrew on the Cross.

237. The apron of the Grand Master is edged with two-inch acorn-pattern gold lace, and has embroidered in gold on the semi-circular green satin fall, the compasses and square between the sun in his splendour, on the left side, and the moon surrounded by seven stars, on the right. • From each upper corner of the apron is suspended a gold bullion tassel.

Below the compasses and square, on the left side, a mallet, and on the right, the letter G within an equilateral triangle. At the bottom a Scots thistle embroidered, and at each side from underneath the fall a gold bullion tassel.

**Aprons of other  
Grand Office-  
Bearers, of  
Grand Com-  
mittee, and  
of Grand  
Stewards.**

238. The aprons of the other Grand Office-Bearers are trimmed with green, and have green falls, on which are embroidered in gold the emblems of their respective offices, encircled by garlands of thistles, acacia, palms, etc., the aprons of Members of Grand Committee, and the Grand Stewards are trimmed with green, and have green satin falls, on which are embroidered the emblem of St Andrew.

**Collars or  
chains of  
Provincial  
Grand Masters.**

239. Provincial or District Grand Masters may wear chains of metal gilt, instead of collars. The wearing of a chain as a distinctive badge of office is, except within a Province itself, reserved for Provincial or District Grand Masters and Past Provincial and District Grand Masters.

**Jewels of  
Office-Bearers  
of Daughter  
Lodges.**

240. The jewels of Office-Bearers of Daughter Lodges are generally of silver, and are as under:—

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| <i>Master</i>      | . . { The compasses, square, segment of circle, and sun. |
| <i>Past Master</i> | . { The compasses, square, and segment of circle.        |

<i>Depute Master</i>	.	The compasses and square.
<i>Substitute Master</i>		Square.
<i>Senior Warden</i>	.	Level.
<i>Junior Warden</i>	.	Plumb.
<i>Secretary</i>	.	Crossed pens.
<i>Treasurer</i>	.	Key or crossed keys.
<i>Chaplain</i>	.	Irradiated eye in a triangle.
<i>Senior Deacon</i>	.	Mallet.
<i>Junior Deacon</i>	.	Trowel.
<i>Architect</i>	.	{ Corinthian column on segment of 90°.
<i>Jeweller</i>	.	Goldsmith's hammer.
<i>Bible-Bearer</i>	.	Bible.
<i>Inner Guard</i>	.	Crossed swords.
<i>Steward</i>	.	Cornucopia and cup.
<i>Tyler</i>	.	Sword.

241. The Office-Bearers of a Lodge wear Sashes of Office-Bearer sashes of the colour adopted by the Lodge, not exceeding four inches broad, and in front may have embroidered, or otherwise distinctly marked thereon, the name and number thereof.

242. Grand Lodge, with a view to uniformity, appoints the following patterns of aprons for Daughter Lodges [this Rule shall not be retrospective] :—

*Apprentice*.—A plain white lambskin, 16 inches wide and 14 inches deep; square at bottom; with semicircular fall or flap and without ornament; white strings.

*Fellow-Craft*.—Same as above, with the

addition of two rosettes, of the colour worn by the Lodge, near the lower corners.

*Master Mason*.—Dimensions as above, edged with the colour of the Lodge, and an additional rosette on the fall or flap.

*Masters, Past Masters, and Office-Bearers* wear emblems of their respective offices embroidered on flap of apron, which is of satin of the colour of the Lodge. On body of apron tassels, and in the case of Masters and Past Masters, levels instead of rosettes.

**Mourning.**

MOURNING.—Lodge jewels, tassels, and rosettes on aprons of Office-Bearers and other Members to be covered with black crape. All shall wear white gloves and white ties.

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## REGULATIONS NOT EMBODIED IN THE CONSTITUTION.

**INDIA.**—The Grand Master of All Scottish Freemasonry in India is empowered (1) from time to time to appoint by special commission properly qualified brethren to officially visit such Lodges within his Masonic jurisdiction as it may be impossible or inconvenient for himself, his Depute or Substitute, to visit annually, as directed by the Constitution; and (2) to instruct that such officers of the said Grand Lodge as may not have been formerly installed at a meeting of the said Grand Lodge be recognised and received in Daughter Lodges in the same manner as if they had been formally inducted into office, provided always that such uninstalled officers have taken the oath of fidelity, as directed by the said Grand Master, and are acting under the instructions of, and representing, the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of All India.—*August 5, 1880.*

**PHYSICAL DISQUALIFICATIONS.**—The totally blind and the deaf and dumb are inadmissible. Lodges are allowed to exercise their own discretion as to the initiation of Candidates who are mutilated in, or minus, a limb.—*February 6, 1873.*

## REGULATIONS UNDER WHICH THE MARK IS CONFERRED.

The following are the Resolutions of the Committee appointed by Grand Lodge and Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland on Mark Masonry, which were adopted by these two bodies, and declared to be held as laws and statutes of Grand Lodge:—

1. That all Lodges holding of the Grand Lodge of Scotland shall be allowed to work the Mark Degree in virtue of the Charters which they already possess.
2. That, to prevent confusion with brethren belonging to Lodges out of this Kingdom, or with Sister Grand Lodges, this Degree, although held by the Grand Lodge to be a second part of the Fellow-Craft Degree, shall only be conferred on **MASTER MASON**, and the secrets shall only be communicated in presence of those who have taken it either from a Lodge or Chapter entitled to grant it.
3. That the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland shall adopt the same Ritual in conferring the Degree, being that now adjusted by their respective Committees.
4. That any Candidate applying to be admitted to the Royal Arch Degrees—if he has received this Degree in a regular Lodge—shall not require to take it a second time from the Chapter into

which he seeks admission ; but in the event of his not having received it, he shall be obliged to take it from that Chapter.

5. That as regards the Royal Arch Degrees, this Degree shall be reckoned the Fourth Degree in Masonry.
6. That nothing contained in these Regulations shall interfere with the superintendence which the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter claims over Mark Masonry out of Scotland—or with the Lodges holding of it in England or Abroad.

## APPENDIX I.

**G R A N D   L O D G E** was instituted on Tuesday, 30th November 1736, at a meeting held in Mary's Chapel, Niddry's Wynd, Edinburgh, by the Masters and Wardens, or Proxy Masters and Proxy Wardens, of the following Lodges, viz.:—Mary's Chapel, Kilwinning, Canongate Kilwinning, Kilwinning Scots Arms, Kilwinning Leith, Kilwinning Glasgow, Cupar of Fife, Linlithgow, Dunfermline, Dundee, Dalkeith, Aitchison's Haven, Selkirk, Inverness, Lesmahagow, Saint Bride's at Douglas, Lanark, Hamilton, Dunse, Kirkcaldy, Journeymen Masons of Edinburgh, Kirkintilloch, Biggar, Sanquhar, Peebles, Glasgow St Mungo, Greenock, Falkirk, Aberdeen, Maryburgh; Canongate and Leith, Leith and Canongate; Montrose. The First Quarterly Communication was held on 12th January 1737.

**T H E   C O N S T I T U T I O N   A N D   L A W S**, embodied into a code between the years 1765 and 1801, and published as an appendix to a Masonic work in 1804, were subsequently and at different periods subjected to revision with a view to their being printed in a separate form for the guidance of the brethren. This was accomplished in 1836, and there have been editions issued in 1848, 1863, 1866, 1868, 1871, 1874, 1879, 1881, 1886, and 1896. The present edition is published in August 1904.

**T H E   F O U N D A T I O N - S T O N E   O F   F R E E M A S O N S '   H A L L** was laid on 24th June 1858. The Hall was consecrated 24th February 1859.

**T H E   F U N D   O F   S C O T T I S H   M A S O N I C   B E N E V O L E N C E** was instituted by Grand Lodge in August 1846.

**THE ANNUITY FUND** was established by Grand Lodge in November 1888. - Annuities first granted in January 1889.

**DIPLOMAS** first issued by Grand Lodge in 1765: it was then and for nearly a century optional to Lodges to receive such diplomas. In 1862 it was made imperative that each Master Mason should possess a Grand Lodge diploma.

**HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES** (Edward VII.) was, at a Special Communication of Grand Lodge in October 1870, installed and invested as Patron of Scottish Free-masonry. The Patron's jewel consists of a gold star, surmounted by a Prince of Wales' feather in silver, studded with small gems, and having the square, compass, and segment attached underneath. In the centre of the star is the figure of St Andrew on a dark blue enamelled ground, surrounded with a wreath of thistles.

**APPENDIX II.****The Antient Charges of Free and Accepted Masons.****I. CONCERNING GOD AND RELIGION.**

A Mason is obliged, by his tenure, to obey the moral law; and if he rightly understand the art, he will never be a stupid atheist nor an irreligious libertine. He, of all men, should best understand that God seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh at the outward appearance, but God looketh to the heart. A Mason is therefore particularly bound never to act against the dictates of his conscience. Let a man's religion or mode of worship be what it may, he is not excluded from the Order, provided he believe in the glorious Architect of heaven and earth, and practise the sacred duties of morality. Masons unite with the virtuous of every persuasion in the firm and pleasing bond of fraternal love; they are taught to view the errors of mankind with compassion, and to strive, by the purity of their own conduct, to demonstrate the superior excellence of the faith they may profess. Thus Masonry is the centre of union between good men and true, and the happy means of conciliating friendship amongst those who must otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance.

**II. OF THE CIVIL MAGISTRATE, SUPREME AND SUBORDINATE.**

A Mason is a peaceable subject to the civil powers, wherever he resides or works, and is never to be concerned in plots and conspiracies against the peace and welfare of the nation, not to behave himself undutifully to inferior

magistrates. He is cheerfully to conform to every lawful authority; to uphold, on every occasion, the interest of the community, and zealously promote the prosperity of his own country. Masonry has ever flourished in times of peace and been always injured by war, bloodshed, and confusion; so that kings and princes, in every age, have been much disposed to encourage the craftsmen on account of their peaceableness and loyalty, whereby they practically answer the cavils of their adversaries, and promote the honour of the fraternity. Craftsmen are bound by peculiar ties to promote peace, cultivate harmony, and live in concord and brotherly love.

### III. OF LODGES.

A Lodge is a place where Freemasons assemble to work, and to instruct and improve themselves in the mysteries of the antient science. In an extended sense, it applies to persons as well as to place; hence every regular assembly or duly organised meeting of Masons is called a Lodge. Every brother ought to belong to some Lodge, and be subject to its bye-laws and the general regulations of the craft. A Lodge may be either general or particular, as will be best understood by attending it, and there a knowledge of the established usages and customs of the craft is alone to be acquired. From antient times no Master or Fellow could be absent from his Lodge, especially when warned to appear at it, without incurring a severe censure, unless it appeared to the Master and Wardens that pure necessity hindered him.

The persons made Masons or admitted members of a Lodge must be good and true men, free born, and of mature and discreet age and sound judgment, no bondmen, no women, no immoral or scandalous men, but of good report.

## IV. OF MASTERS, WARDENS, FELLOWS, AND APPRENTICES.

All preferment among Masons is grounded upon real worth and personal merit only; so that the lords may well be served, the brethren not put to shame, nor the royal craft despised; therefore no Master or Warden is chosen by seniority, but for his merit. It is impossible to describe these things in writing, and therefore every brother must attend in his place, and learn them in a way peculiar to this fraternity. Candidates may, nevertheless, know that no Master should take an Apprentice unless he has sufficient employment for him; and unless he be a perfect youth, having no maim or defect in his body that may render him incapable of learning the art, of serving his Master's lord, and of being made a brother, and then a Fellow-Craft in due time, after he has served such a term of years as the custom of the country directs; and that he should be descended of honest parents; that so, when otherwise qualified, he may arrive to the honour of being the Warden, and then the Master of the Lodge, the Grand Warden, and at length the Grand Master of all the Lodges, according to his merit.

No brother can be a Warden until he has passed the part of a Fellow-Craft, nor a Master until he has acted as a Warden, nor Grand Warden until he has been Master of a Lodge, nor Grand Master unless he has been a Fellow-Craft before his election, who is also to be nobly born, or a gentleman of the best fashion, or some eminent scholar, or some curious architect, or other artist, descended of honest parents, and who is of singularly great merit in the opinion of the Lodges. And for the better, and easier, and more honourable discharge of his office, the Grand Master has a power to choose his own Deputy Grand Master, who must then be, or have formerly been, the Master of a particular Lodge, and who has the privilege of acting whatever the

Grand Master, his principal, should act, unless the said principal be present, or interpose his authority by letter.

These rulers and governors, supreme and subordinate, of the antient Lodge, are to be obeyed in their respective stations by all the brethren, according to the old charges and regulations with all humility, reverence, love, and alacrity.

#### V. OF THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CRAFT IN WORKING.

'All Masons shall work honestly on working days, that they may live creditably on holy days; and the time appointed by the law of the land, or confirmed by custom, shall be observed.

The most expert of the Fellow-Craftsmen shall be chosen or appointed the master or overseer of the lord's work, who is to be called master by those that work under him. The craftsmen are to avoid all ill language, and to call each other by no disobliging name, but brother or fellow; and to behave themselves courteously within and without the Lodge.

The Master, knowing himself to be able of cunning, shall undertake the lord's work as reasonably as possible, and truly dispend his goods as if they were his own; nor to give more wages to any brother or apprentice than he really may deserve.

Both the Master and the Masons receiving their wages justly shall be faithful to the lord, and honestly finish their work, whether task or journey; nor put the work to task that hath been accustomed to journey.

None shall discover envy at the prosperity of a brother, nor supplant him, nor put him out of his work, if he be capable to finish the same; for no man can finish another's work so much to the lord's profit, unless he be thoroughly acquainted with the designs and draughts of him that began it.

When a Fellow-Craftsman is chosen Warden of the work under the Master, he shall be true both to Master and Fellows, shall carefully oversee the work in the Master's absence, to the lord's profit, and his brethren shall obey him.

All Masons employed shall meekly receive their wages without murmuring or mutiny, and not desert the Master till the work be finished.

A younger brother shall be instructed in working, to prevent spoiling the materials for want of judgment, and for increasing and continuing of brotherly love.

All the tools used in working shall be approved by the Grand Lodge.

No labourer shall be employed in the proper work of Masonry ; nor shall Freemasons work with those that are not free, without an urgent necessity ; nor shall they teach labourers and unaccepted Masons, as they should teach a brother or fellow.

#### VI. OF BEHAVIOUR.

1. *In the Lodge while constituted.*— You are not to hold private committees, or separate conversation, without leave from the Master, nor talk of anything impertinently or unseemly, nor interrupt the Master or Wardens, or any brother speaking to the Master ; nor behave yourself ludicrously or jestingly while the Lodge is engaged in what is serious and solemn ; nor use any unbefitting language upon any pretence whatsoever ; but to pay due reverence to your Master, Wardens, and Fellows, and put them to worship. If any complaint be brought, the brother found guilty shall stand to the award and determination of the Lodge, who are the proper and competent judges of all such controversies (unless you carry them by appeal to the Grand Lodge), and to whom they ought to be referred, unless a lord's work be hindered the

meanwhile, in which case a particular reference may be made; but you must never go to the law about what concerneth Masonry, without an absolute necessity apparent to the Lodge.

*2. After the Lodge is over, and the brethren not gone.*-- You may enjoy yourselves with innocent mirth, treating one another according to ability, but avoiding all excess, or forcing any brother to eat or drink beyond his inclination, or hindering him from going when his occasions call him, or doing or saying anything offensive, or that may forbid an easy and free conversation; for that would blast our harmony, and defeat our laudable purposes. Therefore, no private piques or quarrels must be brought within the door of the Lodge, far less any quarrels about religion, or nations, or state policy, we being only, as Masons, of the universal religion above mentioned; we are also of all nations, tongues, kindreds, and are resolved against all politics, as what never yet conducted to the welfare of the Lodge, nor ever will.

*3. When brethren meet without strangers, but not in a Lodge formed.*-- You are to salute one another in a courteous manner, as you will be instructed, calling each other brother, freely giving mutual instruction as shall be thought expedient, without being overseen or overheard, and without encroaching upon each other, or derogating from that respect which is due to any brother, were he not a Mason; for though all Masons are, as brethren, upon the same level, yet Masonry takes no honour from a man that he had before; nay, rather it adds to his honour, especially if he has deserved well of the brotherhood, who must give honour to whom it is due, and avoid ill manners.

*4. In presence of strangers not Masons.*-- You shall be cautious in your words and carriage, that the most

penetrating stranger shall not be able to discover and find out what is not proper to be intimated; and sometimes you shall divert a discourse, and manage it prudently for the honour of the worshipful fraternity.

5. *At home and in your neighbourhood.*—You are to act as becomes a moral and wise man; particularly not to let your family, friends, and neighbours know the concerns of the Lodge, etc., but wisely to consult your own honour, and that of your antient brotherhood, for reasons not to be mentioned here. You must also consult your health by not continuing together too late or too long from home after Lodge hours are past; and by avoiding of gluttony or drunkenness, that your families be not neglected or injured, nor you disabled from working.

6. *Towards a strange brother.*—You are cautiously to examine him in such a method as prudence shall direct you, that you may not be imposed upon by an ignorant false pretender, whom you are to reject with contempt and derision, and beware of giving him any hints of knowledge. But if you discover him to be a true and genuine brother you are to respect him accordingly; and if he is in want, you must relieve him if you can, or else direct him how he may be relieved. You must employ him some days, or else recommend him to be employed. But you are not charged to do beyond your ability; only to prefer a poor brother that is a good man and true before any other poor people in the same circumstances.

Finally.—All these charges you are to observe, and also those that shall be communicated to you in another way; cultivating brotherly love, the foundation and cope-stone, the cement and glory of this antient fraternity, avoiding all wrangling and quarrelling, all

slander and backbiting, nor permitting others to slander any honest brother, but defending his character and doing him all good offices, as far as is consistent with your honour and safety, and no further. And if any of them do you injury, you must apply to your own or his Lodge; and from thence you may appeal to the Grand Lodge, at the Quarterly Communication, as has been the antient laudable conduct of our forefathers in every nation; never taking a legal course but when the case cannot be otherwise decided, and patiently listening to the honest and friendly advice of Master and Fellows, when they would prevent you going to law with strangers, or would excite you to put a speedy period to all law-suits, that so you may find the affair of Masonry with the more alacrity and success; but with respect to brothers or fellows at law, the Master and brethren should kindly offer their mediation, which ought to be thankfully submitted to by the contending brethren; and if that submission is impracticable, they must, however, carry on their process, or lawsuit, without wrath or rancour (not in the common way), saying or doing nothing which may hinder brotherly love and good offices to be renewed and continued, that all may see the benign influence of Masonry, as all true Masons have done from the beginning of the world, and will do to the end of time.

*Amen : so mote it be!*

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